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'It Is Later Than You Think!'



The War Today

By GUY RHOADES

HEAVIER

"From now on," the chairman of the British Trades Union Council broadcast, "our blows will grow heavier and the internal problem of the dictators will become more and more acute."

Almost as the chairman, George Gibson, was talking, British desert fighters drove Italian troops out of their last position in Egypt and crossed the border into the Italian colony of Libya.

Meanwhile more diplomatic scurrying was visible in France as Hitler's Paris envoy, Otto Abetz, rushed to Vichy and met aged Marshal Petain, French Chief of State, in what was interpreted as an effort to find out why pro-German Pierre Laval was dropped from the French cabinet.

There were hints in nearby Switzerland that German troops, already occupying a considerable portion of France, might take over the whole country, but observers saw one possible obstacle to any such move.

PUZZLE

One of the men Abetz would like to see is not in Vichy, nor, for that matter, in France. He is Gen. Maxime Weygand, in North Africa at the head of a huge and dangerous French colonial army which has not been touched so far by the war.

What Weygand is doing has puzzled observers for some weeks, but what he apparently has no intention of doing is going back to European France.

Weygand, former commander-in-chief of the Allied forces in France, was sent to Africa—his old stamping ground—at the conclusion of the Franco-German truce.

OBSCURE

Since then his movements and deeds have been obscure, but it was reported a few weeks ago that the Vichy government sent an airplane to bring him home, only to have him refuse to get into it.

There never has been any indication of collaboration between Weygand's forces and those of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French forces. In fact it never has been suggested that the two met when Gen. de Gaulle was in Africa recently. Consequently, it never has been denied.

Sailor or Airman For Christmas, Too

Maybe it's their khaki gaiters or their new battle dress, but the army lads are running away with Christmas, invitations since the Hospitality Committee of the Auxiliary Services appealed to Victoria families to make this Yuletide "like home" for the boys in the services.

The soldier for Christmas idea means one may have a sailor or airman, as well as a soldier.

"We've had a splendid response," says Mrs. D. McArdie, chairman of the Clearing Committee, which is handling the invitations. "Of course, there's a week to go, but we'd like to get all invitations in immediately so that we can place as many boys as possible."

Some of the lucky ones are attending the annual Christmas pageant at the Empress Hotel, one lady asking for six army boys, and a man calling for four, adding that he "wasn't particular which branch of the service they were in." There have been more calls for two, four and six boys than for single guests.

Some families are opening their houses to the boys, inviting them to come and bring their friends and entertain themselves. Others have planned elaborate entertainments.

Offers are being taken by the Y.W.C.A. Clearing Committee until Friday from 9 to 5, at headquarters at the C.P.R. Wharf or by phoning E 3412.

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Italians Attacked At Port

3 More Libyan Forts Taken

CAIRO (AP)—Three more Italian forts have fallen to British troops who, with fresh reinforcements, are driving on the important Libyan port of Bardia with "steadily increasing pressure," a general headquarters communique announced today.

The three ports—Musaid, Sidi Omar and Shefferzan—are just west of the Egyptian-Libyan frontier. The British gained their first foothold on Italian colonial soil by taking Fort Capuzzo and now are sweeping west over the Libyan desert in an attempt to encircle Bardia with motorized units.

Morgenthau Speaks

No New British Purchases In U.S. Unless Aid Given

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was reported to have told a House appropriations committee today that the Treasury Secretary had informed him that Britain could make no more commitments for purchase of war materials in the United States unless financial aid was extended.

Committee members who disclosed to newsmen this testimony, given behind closed doors, added that the Treasury Secretary had repeated his statement that he believed the United States could not extend loans or credits unless Congress modified or repealed the Johnson Act forbidding loans to debtor nations.

He left his hearers with the impression that whether to make such revision was entirely up to Congress.

The discussion on Britain came up after the Treasury Secretary had outlined to the treasury post office appropriations subcommittee the needs of his own department during the fiscal year beginning next July 1.

Sets Out Facts For Legislators

Morgenthau was reported to have made a factual analysis of Great Britain's need for aid from the United States without, however, making any recommendations.

New Permits to Curb Canadians Going to U.S.

OTTAWA (CP)—Effective January 1, 1941, all resident Canadians traveling to a nonsterling area must have a permit from the Foreign Exchange Control Board, whether or not they are taking money with them.

These travel permits will be issued for legitimate purposes, but the board's order is prompted by "evidence that a number of residents were taking advantage of previous regulations by crossing the border with no money in their pockets but arranging by illegal means to have money placed at their disposal in the United States."

The board also announced that sales of securities in Canada by nonresidents must be preceded by the nonresident or his Canadian broker obtaining a permit. Previously it has been necessary for

Invasion Attempt Soon—Beaverbrook

LONDON (CP)—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, declared in a broadcast tonight that Germany "is making preparations for invasion of England before springtime—by land and sea, but principally by air."

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the Libyan ports of Tobruk and Bardia were bombed heavily yesterday and an "intensive raid" was made on Bardia last night.

Australian troops were said to have captured Italian trucks and a gun in a moonlit battle last night.

British Facing Supply Problems

LONDON (CP)—Military circles today declared British troops are known to be in the vicinity of the Libyan port of Bardia following the capture of Fort Capuzzo and Salum.

These sources said it was uncertain, however, whether these units were preparing for an attack on Bardia itself or were merely sent out to prevent reinforcements from the Bardia garrison reaching Italian troops still fighting in the vicinity of Capuzzo and Salum.

The British forces now are fighting 150 miles from their nearest railroad, it was said, complicating their supply problems. (See story from A.P. correspondent at front on Page 2).

face a serious crisis next spring unless the United States considerably increased delivery schedules of war supplies.

It was learned that the shipping situation is being examined to determine whether additional merchant ships might be made available for rushing supplies.

Must Speed Up, Says Knudsen

Mr. Hull's statements were believed to be particularly responsible for the comments of William S. Knudsen and other defence officials that greater speed is necessary in the defence program.

Knudsen, a member of the defence commission, yesterday described the production situation as one of "terrible urgency." That declaration and the British request for financial help put two formidable problems on President Roosevelt's desk.

As Mr. Roosevelt returned to the executive offices for the first full day after his two-week Caribbean trip, the belief grew in some quarters that some important action might be forthcoming.

Production Plans Come First

Since armament aid to Britain depends on the speed of domestic defence production, the expectation was that this field of assistance would receive executive attention before the matter of financial support.

STUART HENDERSON MAY BE MADE K.C.

Stuart Henderson, veteran Victoria criminal lawyer, who has successfully defended more than two-score men accused of murder, may in the later years of his career be honored by being made a King's Counsel.

Mr. Henderson's name is mentioned as a probability among 15 B.C. lawyers who will be chosen by Attorney-General Wismer for the K.C. recognition within the next week. Mr. Henderson is 77.

Mr. Wismer is now preparing the list which will be announced before Christmas. During his tenure as Attorney-General Mr. Wismer is permitted to appoint 15 K.C.'s.

Another Victorian likely to get the honor is W. T. Straith, a member of the Legislature for Victoria.

Col. Eric Pepler, Deputy Attorney-General, and J. P. Hogg, legislative counsel, in the government service, are said to be slated for the honor, which customarily goes with their positions.

Britain's Whirlwind New Fighter Plane

LONDON (CP)—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, tonight made the first disclosure of a new type of British fighter plane.

"We've seized control of the air by day with our fighter squadrons of Hurricanes, Spitfires, Defiants and Whirlwinds," the minister said. He gave no details of the Whirlwinds.

The minister disclosed that all aircraft lost during the four months of the Battle of Britain had been paid for with public contributions.

"But the main flow of money has been from overseas," he added. The prime need is for more bombers. That is where we want to see new records. So roll out the bombers."

Wide Discussion Of Aid In Britain

LONDON (CP)—Diplomatic negotiations on the subject of United States war aid for Britain received almost as much attention in the London press today as news of the drive of British armed forces into Libya.

Newspapers featured Washington accounts of the British request for American help and filled editorial columns with comment.

The Daily Sketch painted the situation in a satiric fable labelled "The Careful Eagle" and drew the moral that "it is a strange kind of help that must be called for each time like a furniture van."

The Daily Telegraph, in a long article headed "The Awakening of America," assured its readers that "realization is growing there (in the United States) that the issue of this war is a vital interest not only of this country, but of America."

3rd Nazi Spy Hanged in England

LONDON (CP)—A citizen of the Netherlands was executed at Pentonville prison as a spy for Germany, the Home Office announced today.

His name was Charles Albert Van Den Kleboom, said to have been born at Takarumuka, Japan, September 6, 1914.

The announcement said he was tried at the same time as two others executed as German agents December 10, and had been associated with them. His execution was delayed because he gave notice of appeal, but later withdrew the application.

Those executed December 10 were identified at that time as Jose Waldberg, 25, German citizen, and Karl Meier, 24, a Netherlands subject.

Their execution was the first for espionage to be announced in England since the start of the war.

British authorities said Waldberg and Meier apparently entered Britain under German instructions to pose as refugees.

They were said to have erected a special, German-assembled radio transmitter in the secluded countryside to send messages to Germany. The whole apparatus was described as so light it could be dismantled and carried in two black bags similar to camera cases.

The announcement of the execution of Van Den Kleboom said he, too, had a portable radio transmitting set.

New Threat in Italy

ROME (AP)—Food hoarders will be punished by death in "more serious cases," the government announced today.

The announcement followed by 24 hours a conference between Mussolini and Fascist secretary Adelchi Sereno, who said his party followers were ready for a "winter battle on the internal front."

LATEST

Housewife to Die

LONDON (CP)—Mrs. Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, 42, a housewife, was sentenced to death at the Hampshire assizes late today for treason. She was convicted under the Official Secrets Act and defence regulations, it was announced.

C.A.S.F. Men Killed

LONDON (CP)—Private W. Laurin of the Canadian army was fatally injured today when he was run over by an ambulance after stepping off the sidewalk in a southern English town.

LONDON (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill enlivened a sitting of the House of Commons today with a laughter-provoking answer to a question as to whether he would order flags flown after any signal victory.

"I do not recollect that we had any important occasion for rejoicing in the last war," Mr. Churchill replied, "but the people seemed quite pleased at the way it ended."

"I think we had better see how we get on. The Battle of Libya is still in progress."



'GREATER DOVE HATH NO MAN'—When Ralph Corbett, Oakland, Cal., probation defaulter, went to jail for 60 days, Teddy, his toy bull-terrier, began a vigil at the foot of city hall stairs. A restaurant across the street fed him, a woman bought him a dog license, another supplied him with a mat to sleep on and friendly reporters occasionally sneaked him up to see his master. Coming from breakfast, Teddy was run over. Friends took him to a veterinarian and now are trying to arrange parole for Corbett to do vigil at Teddy's bedside.

Cold Sweeps China

SHANGHAI (AP)—Freezing temperatures and snowstorms spread death and suffering today in east Asia as far south as the Yangtze valley.

Many deaths were reported among the tens of thousands of refugees and beggars in Shanghai. The Shanghai public benevolent cemetery announced today that more than 29,000 bodies had been gathered from the streets of Shanghai in the past 11½ months. It said 20,804 were bodies of children.

Call Up 28,750

OTTAWA (CP)—The National War Services Department announced today the number of men to be trained for 30 days under the compulsory military training scheme, starting January 10, will be 28,750.

This is 1,000 less than the number required to fill Canada's 30 training centres. The reduction is due to the fact the training centre at Woodstock, Ont., would not be used, being required to house airmen.

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Howe Safe

LONDON (CP)—It was learned authoritatively tonight that Hon. C. D. Howe, Canadian Minister of Supply, has arrived safely at a British port.

He was a passenger on the liner Western Prince, reported torpedoed late last week in the eastern Atlantic Ocean.

First word definitely confirming his safety to reach London tonight did not mention the rest of his party, but it was believed that if anything untoward had happened to them the source of the information would have stressed that fact.

5 Days Fogbound, Vancouver Clears

VANCOUVER (CP)—For the first time in five days traffic rolled downtown today unhindered by fog which caused damage estimated at at least \$10,000 during its visitation here.

Police said most of the damage during the four-day "blackout" was due to traffic accidents. From noon to midnight Monday 90 cars were involved in collisions. Thirteen persons have been injured since Friday.

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AUSSIES IN FIGHT, CHASING ITALIANS

By J. F. HOLDSWORTH
SYDNEY (CP)—Australians were stirred today when Prime Minister R. G. Menzies made official announcement that Australian troops are participating in the offensive against the Italians in North Africa.

The Commonwealth has at least two divisions in the Middle East under command of Lt.-Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey. The first of these has been overseas nearly a year.

The present plan of the Australian government for its force overseas is to complete an army corps of three divisions with 16,000 men in each division, together with special corps troops.

The home defence force will have a strength of 78,000 officers and men. Men called up are given a minimum of six months' training.

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**W. F. O'CONNOR
DIES IN OTTAWA**

OTTAWA (CP)—W. F. O'Connor, K.C., 67, law officer and parliamentary counsel to the Senate, died suddenly last night in his apartment here.

Regarded as one of Canada's foremost constitutional lawyers, Mr. O'Connor only recently completed a lengthy opinion on the British North America Act, the result of seven months' work. This opinion is expected to be made available to the Dominion provincial conference scheduled to begin here January 14.

During the first Great War Mr. O'Connor was one of the chief legal advisers of the government of Canada. He drafted much of the wartime legislation, including the Wartime Elections Act, under which, in the general election of 1917, the votes of soldiers overseas were recorded in a Canadian election for the first time.

**Sweden, Germany
Sign Trade Pact**

STOCKHOLM (AP)—A new German-Swedish commercial pact is expected by government circles to increase trade between the two countries by about \$150,000,000 in 1941.

The agreement, announced last night, calls for a trade turnover of about 2,000,000,000 kronor (approximately \$480,000,000) next year. This year's trade will approximate 1,400,000,000 kronor.

Sweden will receive 5,700,000 tons of coal and coke, processed steel and synthetic cloth, and Germany will get much wood pulp and paper.

Trade negotiations with Belgium and the Netherlands are expected soon. A two-month trade agreement with Norway, for approximately 25,000,000 kronor, also was disclosed.

New Crosby Contracts

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Bing Crosby has a new three-year contract with Paramount Studios calling for nine motion pictures at \$175,000 each.

In addition, a studio announcement said, the crooning actor has a five-year phonograph record contract that brings him \$50,000 a year and a radio contract that pays him \$200,000 annually.

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Aid China's sick and wounded.** Buy Christmas cards at 617 Broughton Street. Please search your linen closets. Shortage white material lessens bandage rolling. Committee for Medical Aid for China open 2 to 5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday mornings. E 4725.**British Imperial Comrades' Association** grand Christmas concert on Tuesday December 17, at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 p.m. Tickets 10c each, to be had at the door.**GENTLEMEN**

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Laval Called Into Conference**Hitler's Man Questions Petain on French Stand**

VICHY (AP)—Marshal Petain received Pierre Laval, his ousted vice-premier and foreign minister, and discussed the general situation with him, it was announced officially tonight.

Earlier Premier Petain and German Ambassador Abetz had conferred for 3½ hours.

Then the marshal gave the Nazi visitor a luncheon, attended, the Havas News Agency said, by War Minister Charles Huntziger, Navy Minister Jean Darlan and State Secretary Paul Baudouin. Streets around the Majestic Hotel, where Abetz is staying, were closed to all except the highest officials. The Majestic is across the street from the Hotel Duparc, the government headquarters, and connected with it by a closed canopy.

Petain's council of ministers met later in the afternoon.

**French Guards
For Germans**

Abetz was escorted from his hotel to Petain's residence by French army motorcyclists, followed by a touring car full of German officers.

The German ambassador's guard of uniformed German soldiers armed with automatic rifles, which accompanied him to his hotel last night when he reached Vichy, did not go with him today.

Silent, scattered groups of French saw him leave the hotel and watched as his escort passed through the streets.

Foreign Minister Pierre Etienne

Flandin, who succeeded Pierre Laval in the Petain government, was reported ill with a slight attack of grippe, but it was considered probable he would take part in the discussions.

Since Petain already had made clear that Laval's resignation Saturday did not change the government's policy of collaboration with Germany, French sources said it remained for Abetz to indicate the German attitude toward Flandin.

**Berlin Uncertain
Of French Stand**

BERLIN (AP)—Nazi sources said today that Germany's interest in changes in the government at Vichy centres on the question "Does France intend to continue advancing the European policy

which recognizes the principle of German victory or not?"

These sources said Germany was not interested in who supplanted Foreign Minister Pierre Laval, "but whether any change in French policy has taken place."

Until Otto Abetz, Hitler's ambassador, reports from Vichy no information will be divulged concerning Germany's official attitude, they said, adding:

"We are continuing our efforts to fathom the motives which led the French government, while still in a state of war supplanted by an armistice with us, to bring about a change in that post which for the purposes of French-German relations is the most important in the French cabinet, namely that of foreign minister."

When asked whether Premier Philippe Petain, in a recent mes-

sage to Hitler, had explained the reason for Pierre Etienne Flandin's appointment to succeed Laval, these sources said: "Apparently not."

**Nazi May Want
Laval Back in Post**

BERNE (AP)—Pierre Laval, a virtual prisoner of the Vichy government since his expulsion from Marshal Petain's cabinet, was taken to Vichy today at the personal request of German Ambassador Otto Abetz.

Rumors immediately spread there that the Germans want Laval back in his job, but reports reaching diplomatic quarters here said it was more likely that Abetz merely wanted to hear Laval's side of the story before making any report to Hitler.

Libyan divisions, most of the black shirts in the Sidi Barrani region, the Cantanzaro Division and the crack Maletti group, all at Nibeiwa—in all, perhaps, a force of 40,000 with all its equipment. The deserted Italian camps indicated the troops fled.

In their confusion clothing, trinkets, jewelry, razors, blankets and letters were left behind, strewn over dugouts and in tents.

The desert is littered with abandoned sun helmets, knapsacks and rifles.

As we approached Bugbuq three days ago we saw an odd dust cloud in the distance, brightened by the rays of the desert sun and moving slowly nearer.

**Italians Claim
Cruiser Hit**

ROME (AP)—The Italian high command claimed today that Italian torpedo-launching planes hit a 6,000-ton British cruiser with two torpedoes while the warship was shelling Bardia, on the Libyan coast.

The alleged effect of the claimed hits was not stated.

(There was no immediate comment from British sources on the Italian claim.)

Five of the Italian planes failed to return to their bases.

The battle between British and Italian forces in the Libyan desert raged on yesterday with undiminished fury, the high command reported in its regular communiqué.

**Nazi Reports
Differ From Italians**

BERLIN (AP)—Nazi quarters today described as "foolish" what they called British "propaganda" about developments of the war in Greece and northern Africa.

They said British accounts were completely out of proportion to the "limited military importance of local successes over Italian troops."

(Here Nazi propaganda is at odds with the Italian, which has been picturing the North Africa fighting as a great battle with the Italians fighting heroically in their retreat.)

**Prime Minister
66 Today**

OTTAWA (CP)—Congratulations and best wishes poured in on Prime Minister Mackenzie King on his 66th birthday today as he remained hard at work in Laurier House, his Ottawa residence.

Companion of the Prime Minister on his birthday, as he has been constantly for the past 17 years, was his Irish terrier, Pat.

Pat, past a normal dog's age, is crippled and grey, but he is carefully tended and beloved companion of the bachelor Prime Minister.

Mr. King was born December 17, 1874, in Berlin, Ont., now Kitchener. When he had reached his 26th birthday he was deputy minister of labor.

At 35 he was Minister of Labor, and at 45 he was leader of the Liberal Party of Canada, successor to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He has remained at the head of his party every since.

Mr. King's first birthday as Prime Minister of Canada was his 48th. Since then he has celebrated 14 birthdays as Prime Minister and five as Leader of the Opposition.

It is believed no other political party leader of modern times has remained in continuous tenure of office as long as Mr. King, and he is heading toward a record of years in office as Prime Minister.

Mr. King lives alone at Laurier House, attended by a small household staff. He comes to his East Block office, during the parliamentary recess, only for meetings of the cabinet, or important conferences.

Wool cords are woven into their hair by women of a central district of Mexico. The resultant turban-like headress serves as a pillow by night and a protection from the sun by day.

Unfavorable Weather Shortens Attacks**Few Night Bombs; English Theatre Hit**

LONDON (CP)—Bad flying weather held the German attacks on the British Isles to a minimum last night, and London had only two short alarms.

An undetermined number of persons was killed or injured when a bomb struck a theatre in a northwest English town. Several persons were believed trapped in one western Midlands town in the wreckage of six houses shattered by explosives.

"A few bombs dropped in the London area caused a small number of casualties and damaged houses and some other buildings," said the communiqué.

"In other parts of the country, little damage was done, and very few casualties were caused."

**Germans Claim
Action Seen at Sea**

BERLIN (AP)—The German high command issued the following communiqué Tuesday:

"German speedboats operating in the Channel the night before last encountered a unit of superior enemy destroyers. After a short skirmish, the enemy units went out of sight. Our speedboats returned to their bases safely."

(There was no report from British sources on this engagement.)

"Commander Kertzscher, who has just returned with his submarine from a cruise against the enemy, sank 34,935 tons on this cruise, as previously reported. This officer thus has scored a total of 252,100 tons and is the first submarine commander surpassing the 250,000-ton mark. Three enemy auxiliary cruisers and the British destroyer Daring were contained in this total."

"The night before last Sheffield again was attacked by the German air force's fighting units with visible success. Explosions and a large number of fires were

observed. In the course of the day only a few planes operated because of haze and foggy weather. In London and other places we succeeded in scoring several hits on war vital targets, traffic facilities and a troop camp."

"Two enemy merchantmen were bomb-raided 500 kilometres (about 300 miles) west of Ireland. The rudder was damaged on one ship and another was so seriously hit that its loss is probable."

(One of these vessels apparently was the 2,450-ton British freighter Bic Island, which reported it was "being bombed by enemy aircraft" off Ireland.)

6 Merchantmen Bombed by British**Mannheim Factories Blasted by R.A.F.**

LONDON (CP)—Royal Air Force bombers attacked an aircraft factory, a dye plant and other targets in the Mannheim area of Germany, the Nazi submarine base at Bordeaux, France, and six merchantmen off the French coast in a broad series of raids last night, the Air Ministry announced today.

The communiqué said Mannheim, "the chief industrial centre of the upper Rhine," was subjected to a sustained seven-hour assault. Four British planes failed to return.

An analine dye factory at Ludwigshafen, a suburb of Mannheim, "one of the largest in Ger-

many, was set well alight, the fires being still visible half an hour after the attacking aircraft had left," the ministry said.

It reported a "particularly violent" explosion at Neckarstadt, a suburb of Mannheim, and said that "by 3.30 a.m., the whole target area was a mass of flame."

At Stryer, a town south of Mannheim, it continued, "aircraft factory buildings were hit and targets at Heilbronn on the Neckar were set on fire."

Besides the attacks at Bordeaux, British bombers made daylight forays on several air-dromes.

Of the merchantmen bombed,

the Air Ministry said, one was observed listing and another on fire.

**4 Killed When
Bombs Hit Basel**

BASEL, Switzerland (AP)—Bombs killed four persons, injured many others and caused considerable property damage last night in Basel in an air raid which the Swiss general staff declared was evidently "directed against the railway and buildings east of the Basel central station."

(Railway lines east of Basel cross the Rhine River into southwestern Germany.)

The government sought to determine from examination of the bomb fragments the nationality of the fliers responsible. The government reported 12 bombs fell in various parts of the city, several of them along the railway line.

Basel has been called the "turntable" of Switzerland because it is one of the main rail links between German, Alsatian and Swiss rail systems.

Bombs fell near the freight yard of Basel's second railway station on the northern side of the Rhine—the terminus for southwestern German railway systems.

Italians Pursued On Own Roads**British Advance on Libyan Coast**

By EDWARD KENNEDY

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES

AT SALUM, EGYPT (AP)—British armored units were sweeping over the desert west of Bardia today in an attempt to encircle that important Italian base in Libya following capture of Salum and Fort Capuzzo.

The last remnants of the Italian army have been driven from Egyptian soil. Under heavy British fire the Italians abandoned Salum, seized early in their drive into Egypt, and retired across the frontier into Libya, five miles to the west.

British troops promptly occupied this westernmost Egyptian port. Then they continued to carry the fight to the Italians, moving across the border to seize Port Capuzzo, south of Bardia.

The Italians are reported to have large forces at Bardia, on the coast 15 miles from the border, including troops which have retreated from Egypt, and apparently are striving to make a stand there.

**Enemy Trucks, Tanks
Shelled By British**

Bardia already has been bombed heavily from the sea and air. British armored units west of the town reported they had destroyed Italian trucks, tractors and tanks, but that it was uncertain yet whether they had wholly cut off communications between Bardia and Tobruk, farther west.

These armored units were subjected to dive-bombing attacks by Italian planes.

Italian Gen. Berdi is in command at Bardia, and Gen. Bergonzoli, whom the British soldiers have dubbed "General Electric Whiskers," also was reported there, issuing exhortations to the Fascist troops. Gen. Bergonzoli is said to be popular with his men and is known for his ability to rouse them with stirring words.

**Road Terminus
In British Hands**

Fort Capuzzo's capitulation left

British forces in control of a vital highway terminus 12 miles due south of Bardia, and apparently in position for an attempt to out-flank that base.

Bardia holds the key to the coastal road leading westward to the big Italian base at Tobruk, approximately 70 miles inside the Libyan border and the springboard from which Marshal Graziani's armies launched their drive into Egypt last September.

Military men here pointed out the capture of Salum, on the coast about five miles from the Libyan border, would enable Britain to move troops and supplies to the front by sea, thereby eliminating a long haul across the desert.

These sources believed it unlikely that lengthening lines of communication would prove enough of an obstacle to prevent Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, British Middle East commander, from continuing his westward drive.

The fact that the British reported capturing a number of

grounded Italian aircraft at Salum was taken here as an indication Graziani's forces were disorganized, badly under steady pounding the past week.

There was no official mention of the capture of additional Italian prisoners to swell the total of about 30,000 the British estimated they had taken from the outset of their offensive through the fall of Sidi Barrani.

**British Use
'Via Vittoria'**

In their advance toward Libya, British columns moved along the splendid road the Italians built from the Libyan frontier to Sidi Barrani during their three months of occupation of the region.

The Italians named it Via Vittoria—"Victory Way"—and over it they had hoped to march into all Egypt. They erected along it several monuments to Mussolini and the triumph of their occupation.

The road is straight and wide and has an excellent bed of crushed stones, but the Italians did not get around to the top surface. With a top surface it probably would be the best highway ever constructed over any desert.

Italian military maps of Egypt, found here, charted the topography only 10 miles inland from the coast. Apparently the Fascists did not consider the more difficult inland desert as a potential battlefield, which may explain their surprise when the British forces came from there.

In almost every encounter of the offensive up to now the British forces were outnumbered at least four to one.

**Enemy Divisions
Shattered**

But in no case, British officers said, have the Italians successfully resisted. Of the five divisions which invaded Egypt, it appears now that only one escaped completely, while another got many of its men out but lost most of its material.

Completely shattered, with most members captured, were two



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**4,588 Raid Deaths
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LONDON (CP)—Civilian air raid casualties in the United Kingdom in November were 4,588 dead and 6,202 injured, it was announced officially today.

The report for October showed 6,334 dead and 8,695 wounded in the United Kingdom. Today's announcement puts the total casualties since Germany began raids on Britain last June 18 at

19,288 dead and 27,252 wounded. The official breakdown in the November totals:

Dead—Men, 2,289; women, 1,806; children under 16, 493.

Injured and detained in hospitals—Men, 3,493; women, 2,251; children under 16, 458.

Four principal types of camera now are being used by most amateur photographers: Box with fixed focus, folding with bellows and movable focus scale, reflex with focusing through ground glass, and miniature taking tiny pictures for enlargement.

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Gas Explosion Wrecks Home

MONTREAL (CP)—One person was killed and three others were injured seriously today when a one-story house was shattered by an explosion of escaping gas at Tetraultville, east of Montreal.

Dead is Mrs. Ferdinand Menetta. Rushed to a hospital with severe burns and injuries were her husband and two daughters, Lily Menetta and Mrs. Margaret Proulx.

Earlier, police had reported three persons were killed in the blast, caused apparently when escaping gas gathered in the cellar of the house of Bernard Boulevard.

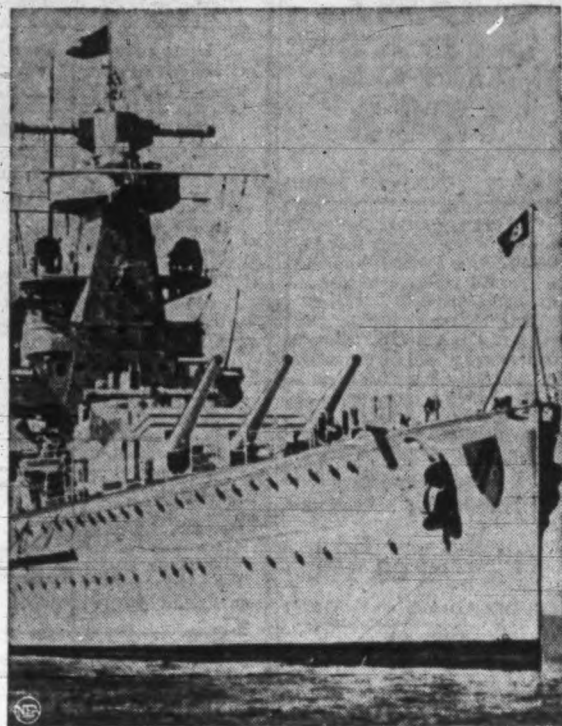
So forceful was the blast that only portions of the walls of the house were left standing. Bricks and debris were scattered over the boulevard and adjoining streets. Windows of neighboring houses were shattered by the blast.

It was not known immediately what caused the gas to explode.

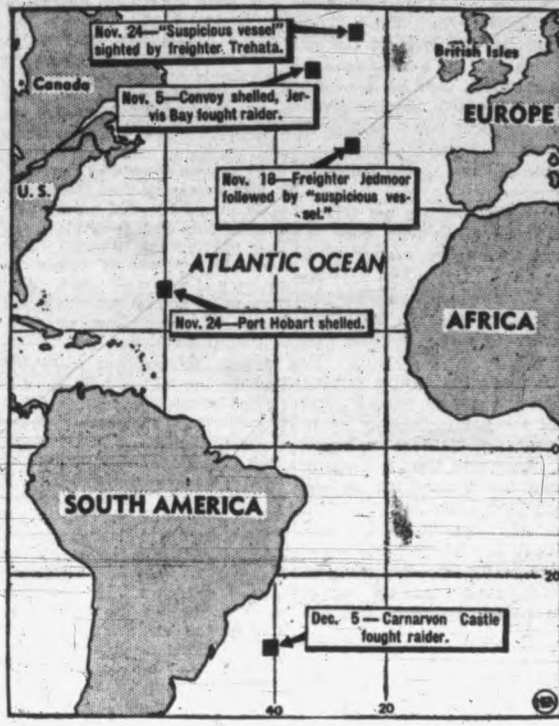
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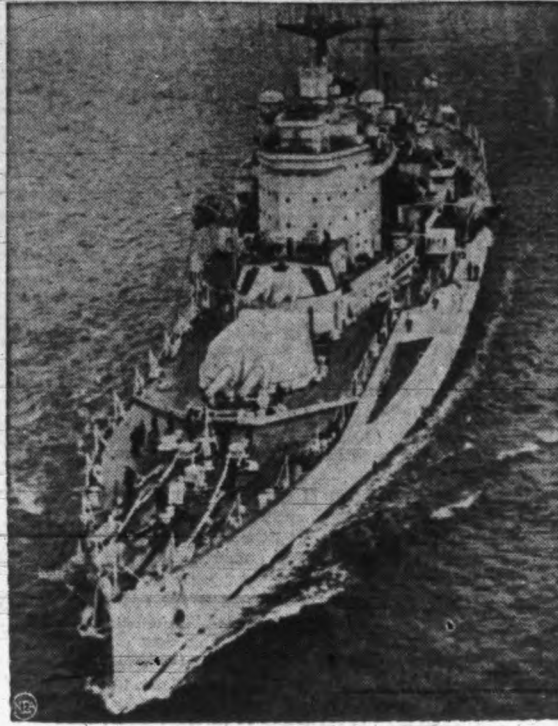
British Warships Seek Battle With Another Raider



The Admiral Scheer... loose in Atlantic?



Spotting the raiders in recent weeks.



The Warspite... looking for a fight.

At Least 1 Nazi Boat Loose in Atlantic

Somewhere in the South Atlantic, not far from the coast of South America, the British battleship Warspite and the cruiser Enrica are racing northward at forced draft, looking for a German raider believed to be the pocket battleship Admiral Scheer.

So once more, despite attempts of the Americas to keep the war out of the waters of the western hemisphere, a savage sea battle may be fought off the South American coast. It is all part and parcel of the vast job of the British navy.

The British Admiralty, needing all the vessels it can spare to watch the North Sea, the English Channel and the Mediterranean, to convoy food ships across the Atlantic, and to cope with the increasing menace of German submarines, nevertheless has to face the new and increasing threat of German sea raiders.

FREIGHTERS BELIEVED FUELING RAIDERS

Most observers have suspected that the German merchant ships

lying in Tampico harbor in Mexico waters were not loading up with oil and supplies in an attempt to sneak back to some German port, but were to go out to some rendezvous where one or more raiders could get fresh supplies from them.

Four of these freighters, the Phrygia, Rhein, Orinoco and Idarwald, left Tampico November 19. Outside Mexican waters their masters mistook United States patrol ships for British war vessels. Three German vessels fled back to Tampico, but the crew of the Phrygia scuttled her.

On November 29, doubtless due to urgent messages, the Idarwald and the Rhein again left Tampico. The ships were next heard of when the British cruiser Diomed captured the Idarwald, despite the crew's attempt to scuttle her. This occurred December 8. There has been no word since.

The new tale of German raiders began last April when the

British freighter Haxby was sunk in South Atlantic waters. The German raider was masquerading as a Greek steamer, but the Greek flag was replaced by the swastika when the ship drew near her victim and began shelling. This raider is supposed to have sowed mines off the coast of West Africa May 2, and, after refueling from the tanker Winnetou, 40, have rounded Cape Horn in June to lay mines off the New Zealand and Australian coasts. One of these mines may have caused the sinking of the American vessel City of Rayville November 8 off Victoria, Australia.

November 5 a big British convoy was attacked in the North Atlantic by a German raider which sank four freighters. The British armed merchant cruiser Jervis Bay fought the heavily-armed German war vessel for more than an hour, finally being sunk. But her action enabled 34 vessels to escape.

November 18 the freighter Jedmoor reported she had sighted a suspicious-looking vessel about 600 miles west of Spain and about 500 miles southwest of where the Jervis Bay convoy had been attacked.

November 22, far from these scenes, came the report that the

hundred miles northeast of where the Jervis Bay had fought.

But the raiders do not always have it their own way. July 29 a big German vessel encountered the British merchant cruiser Alcantara off the Brazilian coast. The 22,209-ton Britisher exchanged shot for shot with the German and only put into Rio de Janeiro when she received some

bad hits. She was repaired and put to sea again.

Similarly the big 20,102-ton armed merchant cruiser Carnarvon Castle on December 5 fought an engagement with a masked German raider and put in to Montevideo for repairs. Presumably her antagonist was the same one the Alcantara fought last summer.

Richest Duke and Communists Lead 'Negotiated Peace' Drive



Secret Weapon—The Trojan Dove

LONDON (CP)—A Scotland Yard report to the Home Office said today alleged Communists had posted agents in underground shelters in attempts to undermine British morale.

The report said several Communists had obtained appointments as shelter marshals and that several hundred leaflets attacking the government had been distributed.

The report follows the declaration of Labor Minister Bevin warning Russia to keep hands off British industry and British affairs. He found it necessary to issue such a warning after discovery of an organized Communist move to slow down production in war industries, which was to culminate with a peace offensive to be launched by Germany in the near future. It has been learned that the Communist move in England has been engineered by Moscow as Russia's role under her pact with Germany.

FOR NEGOTIATED PEACE

The Communist Independent Labor Party, headed by Glasgow's John McGovern, which was overwhelmed in Parliament 341 to 4 last week, has been campaigning for a negotiated peace. At the other end of the social scale are

the members of the Oxford Group, who have been advocating the same thing. Official London sees the very left wing Socialists and the Oxford Group as making strange bedfellows in this drive.

RICHEST MAN APPEALS

Even odder is the case of one of Britain's richest men—the Duke of Bedford, who owns one of the biggest blocks of London real estate, which has probably been knocked about by Nazi bombs.

The duke's letter to a friend quoted in the Sunday Express suggests that "it may be possible and desirable to have a negotiated peace in which neither side gives in." If, the duke continues, "peace were concluded on terms fair to Germany and Italy as well as to other nations, it is surely incredible that Hitler, during his lifetime, would ever be able to gain the support of his people for another war on an unjust issue."

GOERING'S FRIEND

Meanwhile, the Duke of Windsor's choice of Axel Wenner-Gren's yacht for the trip of the duchess and himself to Miami, is causing raised eyebrows here, regardless of the reason which may be officially given for the choice. Wenner-Gren was formerly a great friend of Marshal Goering

and has served as his emissary. He flew to London the day before Britain declared war—but the day after Germany invaded Poland. His mission then has never been revealed, but it is reported he tried to persuade the British that Goering was a moderate man who didn't want war if only the British would accede to "reasonable" demands.

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BROWN OIL RECAPITALIZES

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For each of the 4,200 preference shares canceled, holders will receive \$2.50 in cash and a debenture of the company, already authorized and created by the directors, of the value of \$90.

The effect will be a reduction in capital of the company to 3,000,000 common shares, and an exchange of the 6 per cent preference shares for 4½ per cent debentures under which all principal payments will be postponed for three years from January 1, 1941, after which a definite share of the revenue of the company will be made available for the payment of interest and principal to debenture holders.

Directors stated an adjustment of the situation was desirable because of "a most favorable opportunity to participate in an extensive drilling program in the central area of Turner Valley with the British American Oil Company and Federated Petroleum Limited, and subsidiaries.

2 Killed, 9 Hurt In Tenement Blast

CINCINNATI (AP)—At least two persons were killed, nine others were injured and a similar number were believed to be trapped in the ruins of a three-story brick tenement store building in the northern end of Cincinnati's downtown section that was blown to bits by a pre-dawn explosion today.

Attaches at the general hospital, where victims were taken, identified the dead as Joseph P. Koebe, 33, and Doris Smith, 9, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Smith.

Cause of the explosion was not immediately determined.

Minor fires broke out but were quickly smothered by clouds of dust or checked by firemen using every available piece of apparatus.

"It came as a terrific 'woosh,'" reported Patrolman Tom Kaufman, who was walking to his beat two squares away at the time.

Only a pile of brick and dust remained where the twin-apartment building, housing four families, stood. Windows were shattered for blocks around. Pieces of clothing hung grotesquely from utility wires. One pair of men's trousers was "pegged" securely to a wall by a chair leg.

Police estimates placed the number of persons in the building at 20—the families of Raymond Roy, Frank Morgan, Mrs. Lily Schnetzer and Hubert Smith.

To Restore Salaries

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Civic Conciliation Board has announced 5 per cent salary cuts imposed on approximately 4,000 civic employees during the depression years will be restored during 1941.

The board decided, subject to ratification by the city council, 2½ per cent restorations should be made next April 1, with an additional 2½ per cent the following December 1.

Civic salaries were cut 20 per cent during the depression years, but all but 5 per cent has been restored since then.

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Waiting on the President

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S RETURN TO Washington has synchronized with demands for accelerated action on the national defence program and a more definite policy of assistance to Great Britain. During the week-end, Mr. William S. Knudsen, head of the production department of the Defence Commission, described the situation as one of "terrible urgency" and plainly told industry that there had been a drop of 30 per cent in the production schedules already laid down. It is now disclosed that Secretary of State Cordell Hull has warned that Britain will probably face a serious crisis next spring unless present delivery plans for war supplies are very considerably augmented. This has followed closely—and to which it is undoubtedly linked—the announcement that the British government had submitted a formal request to the administration at Washington for financial accommodation.

It is reasonable to assume that while he has been away from the capital Mr. Roosevelt has had time and opportunity to sandvich in between the consideration of naval bases much more than a perfunctory examination of his new responsibility as the first President of the United States to begin a third term at the White House. On this assumption it is fitting to cast our minds back to the last few days of the campaign which ended last November 4. Among the barbs levelled at the chief executive were the following: That the boys of American parents were virtually on their way to board transports to take part in a "foreign war"; that if there was one thing Mr. Roosevelt wanted more than any other it was the powers of a dictator; that his re-election meant all these and other supposedly dire threats to the American way of life. It is known that not a little of this part of the campaign caused the President a good deal of genuine mental pain; he felt, and no doubt millions of Americans, irrespective of political predilection, felt that he had suffered not a few blows below the political belt.

The Other Enigma

ALTHOUGH RUSSIA STILL REMAINS a question mark in international affairs—evidently to Mr. Stalin's liking—the role General Maximilian Weyand, former commander-in-chief of the Allied forces prior to the collapse of France, is playing contributes to the uncertainty of French influence, helpful or hostile, on the British cause in the whole Mediterranean area. Under General Weyand in North Africa is a very large French colonial army which has yet to receive its baptism of fire in the present war. We are repeatedly informed that he has been asked or ordered back to Vichy, that his refusal, on his own decision or in collusion with Marshal Petain, is annoying the Germans, and that the whole Nazi policy with regard to the future of occupied and unoccupied France depends to a considerable extent upon the plans laid down for this large force.

If the world could learn just what Marshal Petain intends to do under any given set of circumstances it would be possible to speak with confidence of the role which General Weyand and his army could fill to excellent purpose. But the aged soldier-statesman at Vichy is confronted by every conceivable difficulty, every form of intrigue and threat, that even if he could see a clear path ahead, his Nazi taskmasters would see to it that it did not become public. What appears to be a condition about which there is no doubt, however, is the existence of a French force reasonably near to an important theatre of war in which Italy—the nation which only recently was demanding from France some of her most prized possessions—is experiencing a very uncomfortable time. Not that it will be suggested France now might repay Mussolini for his stab in the back of last June 10; perish the thought! With this temptation, of course, Marshal Petain and General Weyand must wrestle, German threats, or actions, notwithstanding.

The Unbeaten Dutch

LET US SALUTE THE DUTCH WARSHIP which brought the German merchantman Rhein to book somewhere in the southern Atlantic. The incident reminds us that our Dutch allies are carrying on, even though Adolf Hitler thinks he has beaten the subjects of Queen Wilhelmina, even though his troops have occupied Holland, even though his minions have looted Holland's food, even though Goering's airmen blasted the great city of Rotterdam after the country had honorably surrendered under overwhelming military pressure. But the valuable Dutch East Indies are still in Dutch hands, guarded by Dutch warships, Dutch planes and troops. And even though the monarch of the Netherlands and her ministers conduct their business of state in England, not in Holland, they do more than merely carry on. They attend to their affairs on the moral certainty that Hitler will be beaten, as he will be, and with the knowledge that the little nations now enslaved by the Nazi tyrant will be freed.

What the world should note particularly is the fact that the Dutch government in temporary exile has just issued its budget for the second half of the year 1940. It is confident the money needed will be raised. It is essentially smaller than in 1939, when Holland spent 750,000,000 guilders, most of which went for armaments for national defence. The present reckoning is for only 56,000,000 guilders—about \$50,000,000 under pre-war exchange—but every single cent of it spells fighting determination of the government and the hope for better days to come. In this budget, 91,000,000 guilders are provided for maintenance of the Dutch fleet, which is virtually intact in the waters of Great Britain, the Dutch East and West Indies and Dutch Guiana. A smaller part is to be spent for the maintenance of Dutch legions in England and in this country. This money is independent of what the Dutch East Indies are spending on their forces.

Perhaps not in a dozen guesses could a Canadian figure how the Dutch government expects to raise the money. It is raising it by asking patriotic Dutchmen scattered around the world to impose voluntarily a considerable Dutch income tax upon themselves. If this should prove disappointing, then the government proposes to use a small part of its gold stock for budget purposes. And here again comes proof of the wonderful faith of the Dutch officials in the future of their country. They say they want to hold on to most of their gold stock: 1, as cover for Dutch bank notes in circulation; 2, as provision for the post-war needs of a country once more free. Well may we say of the nation of the windmills and dikes that the Dutch are unbeaten and never will be beaten while Dutchmen live to fight for their birthright.

Heavier the Better

FROM NOW ON OUR BLOWS WILL grow heavier and the internal problem of the dictators will become more and more acute. So spoke Mr. George Gibson, chairman of the British Trades Union Council, over the air last night as he noted the "removal" of Italian troops from their last stronghold in Egyptian territory. Britain's labor leaders are not given to bombast or wishful thinking. They are really the most conservative elements in the nation's life. The liberties the organized worker enjoys, the protection his unionization in living and working conditions that thought and sacrifice have produced, represent a triumph in social progress whose importance the never-for-a-moment underestimates. It is this knowledge, what it means to himself and what it means to his native land in her dire distress, which adds to the authority with which men like Gibson speak. For it should be remembered that nearly 6,000,000 Trades Unionists in Great Britain have, for the duration of the war, suspended the application of many of the material advantages they have obtained through legislation during the present century.

When the history of British Labor's contribution to this conflict comes to be written, moreover, the world will realize, more vividly than its nearness to the moving events of these times permit, how right present-day prognosticators were when they confidently declared that this was a people's war in every sense of the term—that ancient shibboleths would be buried under a new and happier order for all concerned.

NEWS FROM ITALY

From Winnipeg Free Press

October 30, 1940. Rome Radio in English to North America: "Wherever the Italians advanced in Greece today they found the population on the verge of starvation and only too glad to accept food at Italian hands. Here is proof that the Italian army entered Greece as a friend anxious to spare her the horrors of war."

November 3, 1940: Rome Radio in Italian: "We shall free the real Greece, the land of shepherds and peasants, from the slavery and exploitation into which it has fallen. As a race of civilized and the heirs of the finest ages in all history, we know full well the noble quality and high moral and historical value of the land we are invading."

November 3, 1940: Rome Radio in English: "The BBC says Italy was taken by surprise by Greek resistance. This statement is ridiculous. Italy took action in Greece because she had definite knowledge that the Greek government hoped to invade Albania, and thus aggrandise Greece at the expense of Albanian soil."

November 3, 1940: Rome Radio in Italian: "Italian occupation of Greek territory, with all the consequences it will entail, will definitely eliminate the Balkans from the theatre of war. It will bring forward the entire Axis military and political dispositions towards those fundamental positions which are in Britain's hands in the Mediterranean."

Bruce Hutchison

WE CAN TAKE IT

THE NEWSPAPERS all agree, with a fine unanimity, that Canadians are taking the new federal government taxation policies heroically. Up goes the tax on a few luxuries. Up goes the barrier against a few American products. And no one complains. The Canadian people, say the newspapers can "take it." And this is said as if we were taking a few taxes as bravely as the British people are taking the bombing of their country.

It seems to me that we are not taking anything yet. Nothing has been done to affect us or inconvenience us, economically speaking, in the least. You might say, indeed, apart from the people actually engaged in the fighting services, we have not begun to feel the war in Canada. But we will. Never fear, we will.

Anybody who reads the figures coming out of Ottawa on the cost of the war, and on the extent of the government's commitments, can see that the bills have not begun to come in yet. They will start to come in next April, when the income tax is due, but that will only be a beginning.

The mistake of most people is, subconsciously, to imagine that the present war will work out generally like the last war. Subconsciously they reason that the cost of the last war in money, sacrifices and displacement was pretty severe and this one can't be much worse. The figures flatly deny this cheerful theory.

We are spending, of course, more in one year of this war than on the four years of the last war, but that, too, is only the beginning. Next year we shall be spending through government in Canada three times what we spent in the year before the war started. The government, in one way or another, will take 50 cents of every dollar we earn. Consider that next time you have a dollar bill in your hands.

And we are entering now the spending period. Costs are going up and up—not to pay for any new efforts we may make, which will be many, but to pay for the commitments already undertaken. So it is a little early yet for the newspapers to rejoice that the Canadian people can "take it." The taking has yet to come.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THE FACT, OF COURSE, is that we have no notion, any of us, what is happening to us these days. Editors write editorials about it. Statesmen make speeches about it. The ideologists have it all figured out according to Marx and Douglas. Fellows like me write foolish columns about it. But no one knows. No one ever knows at the time.

I have just been reading an economic history of Canada, covering in part my own lifetime, and I am staggered to see what has happened to the country in this period. We all lived through it. We all witnessed it at first hand. We all saw the wheat boom in the first years of this century, the collapse of 1913 and 1914, the last war, the slight depression of 1920, the growing prosperity which crashed in 1929, and then the great depression.

But if you will read a careful analysis of the forces at work in this time, if you will observe in detail how the thing came about and what was happening to us all this time, you will realize, at once that, during the events themselves, you had no understanding of them whatever.

When I look back, for example, on the autumn of 1929, and remember how the fellows on Wall Street assured me that the market would be back to normal in the spring; when I recall Mr. Hoover's confident predictions of prosperity every fortnight; when I think of Mr. Ford's assurance that the country was safe because he had raised wages; when I think of our Canadian government budgeting and planning for a short recession of business and refusing, up to the very eve of this war, to face a permanent condition of depression, then I am inclined to smile; but not too broadly, for none of us was any wiser. None of us knew at any point in our history what was happening to us. We only knew afterwards, and gave a fancy name to it.

Therefore, I suspect that we have no idea what is happening to us, in an economic way, now. But in 10 years we shall look back and it will all be plain and we shall wonder why we didn't see it at the time. And people who understood nothing while it was happening will write to the papers and blame the politicians for failing to observe the obvious.

TO A GRAND OLD CITIZEN—JOHN DEAN—90 TODAY

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With earnest endeavor and worthy, He countered full many a frown; No half-hearted fighter for ethics, A citizen he of renown!

And ever the way made more cheery, When haply we met in the street With a hail that made merry the sunshine, And a smile that lent wings to the feet.

We know not what ought else to wish him—Our Squire so high on the hill, Save "God guide his footsteps as always, And the best of good wishes fulfill!"
—Mary H. Rathorn.
Victoria, December 17, 1940.

Elmore Philpott

BEST GUESS WINS

IF WE COULD BE transported by some miraculous process to the general headquarters of the various armies now at war we would be struck by a shock that war is not so much a science as a guessing game. In other words, it is not only sufficient for a nation to have good generals and efficient armies who can meet attacks when they come. It is also necessary that those generals should be good poker players, in the metaphorical sense. They must be able to guess where the other fellow is likely to strike, and why and when. And they must figure out ways and means of forestalling or frustrating those blows.

I hear, on excellent authority, that the big fellows who run the British armies are having hot arguments as to whether Hitler is likely ever again to try to invade Britain. The importance of their decision is self-evident. If the victors are those who think that Hitler will not try again there is certain to be a very heavy transfer of British troops to other theatres of war—for instance, Greece or Libya. If the argument is decided the other way around the main British army will no doubt be kept to watch the citadel of human freedom.

In one sense the argument that is going on is the same as was waged all through the 1914-1918 war. There was one school of thought, which included most of the more conservative soldiers like Sir Douglas Haig, who hung like bulldogs to the theory that the war would be decided on the western front, and that military efforts elsewhere were wasted. The other school, to which Winston Churchill certainly belonged, believed that the most effective use of sea power was to keep the enemy guessing where the next blow was going to fall—that a victory in Palestine against the Turks was just as important as one on the Flanders front.

The ironical part of the matter was that the argument was never settled. The final German collapse came on the western front. But in point of time and in point of fact, the Allies had already started to roll back the armies of the central powers on the southeastern front before the general advance in France.

HITLER'S LAST HOPE

My own guess is that as long as the war lasts between Germany and Britain the Nazis will keep a huge army ready to pour into Britain if, as and when the opportunity arises. What is Hitler's task if he is to win the war? To knock out Britain. What are the weapons available to accomplish that purpose? The army, the navy, the air force and the idea. Having lost the first battle for Britain last September, because our air force held the skies and our navy held the seas, Hitler is now trying out all three of his other weapons. His submarine navy is launching the most formidable attack that it ever launched in history. His air force is doing a lot of damage to British property, and British productive capacity, even if it has not been able to make a dent in the morale of the people. Behind the scenes in secret Hitler wages his war of ideas—just now using people with ideas like Joseph P. Kennedy in his latest disguised peace offensive.

In spite of the deadliness of these other weapons, my belief is that sooner or later Hitler will again stake everything on a knockout blow by his army. Where will that blow fall? There are only two spots in all the world where that blow could fall with decisive effect.

One is on Britain herself. If Hitler could overcome the British air force and navy, and transport his main army to Britain, there is no strength there able to withstand him.

The other vulnerable spot is the Suez Canal. If Hitler could conquer the land approaches to that vital strip of water he could inflict a sort of paralytic stroke on the body of British communications.

I think he will certainly try to reach both objectives. The fact that he was disastrously beaten last September in his attempts to concentrate and embark an invasion force is no justification for believing that he will not try again. He will try, because he has to try. And when he falls there—as I am positive he will fall once more—he is all the more certain to turn towards the other possible knockout spot.

SAW THEIR PLANES FLY

From Manchester Guardian
Ten aircraft workers from a Spitfire factory have spent a day at a fighter station—the first visit of its kind—watching machines they built down under wartime conditions, and have returned to their benches full of enthusiasm and with a keen desire to increase the output of machines. "We can't do what you have done with our machines in the air," said one of the workers to a pilot when he landed, "but we are very proud to see what our workmanship will stand up to."

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From West Coast Advocate, Port Alberni

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Personally we feel British Columbia produces a sufficient quantity of fruit to provide most of the requirements of its citizens. It is a case of bringing down the price to where it meets the pocketbook of the average citizen. Such fruit as Canada must import should, we feel, come from the United States, a friendly neighbor. If we must have oranges, let's have them from California.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Our work is completely finished."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "renewe?"

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Dissension, immersion, distorsion.

4. What does the word "subterfuge" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with di that means "a crown?"

ANSWERS

1. Omit completely. To finish means to complete. 2. Pronounce re-nue, both e's as in me, accent last syllable. 3. Distortion. 4. An artifice used to escape censure or justify opinions or conduct. "His plea of illness was a subterfuge." 5. Diadem.

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Much satisfaction was expressed at the choice of Christmas gifts bought by the purchasing committee under Mrs. James. The meeting also approved of the purchase of needed equipment for the

infants' home. Christmas cheques were received from the W.A. to the U.C.T. and from the Order of the Amaranth.

Mrs. A. Brenden, mother at the receiving home, was welcomed to the meeting by Mrs. Boulton. Tea was served at the close by Mrs. A. Bissell and Mrs. F. Pilgrim.

Mary Capilano Dies, Aged Over 100

VANCOUVER (CP) — Aged Mary Capilano, "Princess of Peace," whose birth more than 100 years ago sealed a truce between two warring tribes of British Columbia Indians, died at her home on the Capilano Indian reserve yesterday.

She was born Lay-Kho-Lote, the daughter of a Squamish chief and Yaculta Princess whose marriage brought an end to years of coastal warfare. She later married Chief Joe Capilano in the first Roman Catholic Church built on the British Columbia mainland.

No one knew her exact age, but fellow Indians aver she was born more than 100 years ago. For decades she acted as advisor to her tribe and aided her husband in spreading Christianity among the natives.

In 1906 Chief Joe headed a delegation of British Columbia chiefs to England, where he was received by King Edward VII, whose photograph was one of Mrs. Capilano's most prized possessions.

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Recalls Experiences While With Worth Of Paris

Under the intriguing title "The Back Door of Fashion," Mrs. Marcel Godfrey, who recently arrived here to make her home, told the Victoria Business and Professional Women's Club at its Christmas dinner last evening something of the inner workings of the great Paris fashion houses.

HISTORY OF WORTH

A former American newspaperwoman, Mrs. Godfrey was for seven years publicity representative of Worth in Paris, and in her racy and amusing talk she recalled many interesting anecdotes of royalty and other notable personages who had been dressed by this famous couturiere. A brief sketch was given of the history of the house of Worth from about 1850, and the speaker also touched on the influence of important events and epochs on fashions, noting that war found its reflection in more practical styles.

Mrs. Godfrey attributed Paris leadership in the fashion world to the meticulous care given by the great couturiers to coordinate the products of the manufacturers of fabrics and trimmings, the artistry of the designer, and the skill of the dressmaker. The resultant creation combined perfection of line and an enduring beauty of fabric which outlasted transient trends of fashion, and in this connection she emphasized the importance of individuality in style and warned against blindly following fashion's decrees without regard for personal suitability.

ENTERTAINED SAILEERS

Mrs. K. Farguharson presided and introduced the speaker, who was thanked, on behalf of the club, by Miss Mabel Cameron. Miss Cameron gave a brief description of the club's entertainment of about 25 sailors on Sunday afternoon. The ratings were taken for a drive, then went back to the clubrooms where refreshments were served under the direction of Miss Lacey and her committee. Community singing and games rounded out an afternoon which was evidently much enjoyed by the guests.

The dinner last night was held at Spencer's and Miss Nona Rich, chairman of the committee in charge, was assisted in preparation for the evening by Mrs. F. C. Patterson, Mrs. Walls and Miss Maide Thompson.

The tables looked particularly attractive as the guests arrived to the tune of "There Will Always Be an England," played by Mrs. Carwright. At each guest's place was a little sprig of evergreen tied with Christmas ribbon, and attached to it a lighted candle. Pine cone "turkeys" served as place cards.

Solos were sung by Mrs. H. Lord, Miss Richardson and Miss Bessie Crowther, and Mrs. H. M. Hall, in her role as Santa Claus.

Scouts to Collect Clothes for Needy

The City Welfare Office is grateful to the Boy Scouts, who this year, instead of collecting toys as in other years, are concentrating their energies on the collection of used clothes for needy families.

This collection will be made on Saturday, December 21, and anyone willing to donate clothing is kindly requested to telephone G 8104 so that the boys may be notified.

All the clothes collected will be distributed through the City Welfare office, Broad Street.

QUEEN MARY'S QUILT

LONDON (CP) — Queen Mary has accepted a quilt from a Mrs. Mercer of Petty Harbour, Nfld., as a gift for the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund for the sick and wounded in the war. An old lady of more than 85, Mrs. Mercer spent months making the quilt. Queen Mary sent it to a Red Cross sale.

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DECEMBER BRIDAL PARTY—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simmons, the former Thelma Pearl Flynn, who were married recently at Centennial United Church, with their attendants, Miss Margaret Simmons and Mr. Joseph Linn.

Social and Personal

Mrs. W. Semeyn left yesterday for Vancouver to motor to Harrison Hot Springs to spend a few days.

Mr. Wally J. Sherwood of Vancouver is a business visitor in Victoria and is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. M. Frazer, Government Street, left today for Duncan to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Dick.

Mrs. H. A. Stein, who has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. McDonald, has returned to her home in Vancouver.

Lieut. R. A. C. Douglas, R.C.N.V.R., and Mrs. Douglas, will leave for Vancouver at the weekend to spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Douglas.

Cpl. Murray A. Cree, Petrol Co., 3rd Division, Camp Debert, and his bride, the former Gertrude Hodge, have returned from the wedding. Cpl. Cree leaves this afternoon for Nova Scotia.

Word was received today from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Darnell of Victoria, who have been visiting in Hollywood, Calif., of the death this morning of Mrs. Darnell's sister, Mrs. Pierce Griffin Shaw, who passed away at the Scripps Metabolic Clinic, La Jolla, after a long illness.

Miss Mary Jellis, R.N., left yesterday for Edson, Alta., where she will stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jellis, until her marriage on December 29 to Mr. James Alexander McCague, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCague of Graham Street, Victoria. Miss Jellis is a graduate of the 1938 class of the Royal Jubilee Hospital, and was much feted prior to her departure.

About 50 friends called at the home of Mrs. F. E. Pike, Cambridge Street, on Sunday to tender felicitations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pike of Sooke on the occasion of their diamond wedding anniversary. The hostess assisted the guests of honor in receiving the guests, and Mrs. R. Ross presided over the tea table, which was centred by a beautiful silver and white wedding cake, flanked by silver vases of rosebuds and tulle. Assisting in serving were Mrs. A. Schroeder, Miss Betty Ross and Miss Isabelle Pike. Carnations and chrysanthemums decorated the reception rooms, many lovely gifts of flowers having been received by the venerable couple.

Mrs. Charles Francis entertained at her home, 542 Ellie Street, last evening with a personal shower in compliment to Miss Shirley Ione Godfrey whose marriage to Rev. Ernest Arthur Francis of Princeton, will take place this month. On her arrival, the guest of honor was presented with a corsage bouquet of pink rosebuds and violets by Miss Joyce Denyer. The gifts were presented in a lavender and white decorated box, and the floral decorations in the home were in the same color scheme. The invited guests included Miss Shirley Godfrey, Mrs. R. Godfrey, Miss Grace Godfrey, Mrs. Otto Effe, Mrs. Alfred Francis, Miss Eileen Pye, Mrs. H. Denyer, Mrs. J. Denyer, Mrs. A. J. Denyer, Mrs. T. Marston, Mrs. J. Bromley, Miss Doris Marston, Mrs. T. Ellison, Mrs. J. Graves, Mrs. T. Uysier and Miss Ruby Francis.

Mrs. J. Williams was hostess at the tea hour on Sunday at her home, 1244 Oscar Street, in compliment to Miss Jean Newcombe, who is to be married on December 27. The guest of honor received a corsage bouquet of white carnations and a Mexican wooden platter from the assembled guests. Mrs. R. L. Shaw presided at the prettily appointed tea table. The guests were Mesdames I. Tautz, Miller, Knightly, J. Williams, R. L. Shaw; Misses Beatrice Muttow, Rhoda Foster, Kaye Daley, Verne Ferrier, Margaret Thom, Ellen Leask, E. Payne and Phyllis Williams.

Tomorrow, Victoria girls who are attending Strathcona Lodge School for Girls, Shawigan Lake, will come home for the Christmas holidays, including Miss Buntie Baillie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Baillie, Carberry Gardens; Miss Sage Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Dunsmuir Court; Miss Betty Dunsmuir, daughter of Mrs. R. Dunsmuir, Cherry Bank; Miss Ann Snape, daughter of Mrs. M. J. K. Snape, Sylvan Lane; the Misses Pamela and Ann Merston, daughters of Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Merston, Beach Drive, and Miss Barbara Bate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bate, Windsor Road. Miss Joan Bate, who is also attending Strathcona Lodge School, came home on Sunday.

Members of the board of the Victorian Order of Nurses entertained at an attractively arranged Christmas tree at the Y.W.C.A. yesterday afternoon in honor of the 12 mothers who are attending the prenatal sewing classes. Other special guests included the V.O.N. nurses, Miss Glenn Fuller of Shanghai, Miss Mary Lawson, O.B.E., and Mesdames W. H. Leggett and Walsh of the Sir Matthew Maillie Begbie Chapter I.O.D.E., which annually donates money for materials for the classes. Mrs. George Hall and Mrs. Norman Yarrow presided at the daintily-appointed tea table, and members of the Junior Auxiliary assisted in serving. Gifts were presented to each mother, and during the afternoon Mrs. Hall, on behalf of the board, presented a handsome evening bag to Miss Isabel Black of the V.O.N. staff, who is leaving next month to take a position as public health instructor at the Winnipeg General Hospital.

Engagements

BRACKETT-GANNER

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Ganner announce the engagement of their only daughter, Dorothy Margaret Christie, to Lieutenant George A. Brackett, U.S.N., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Brackett of Seattle, Washington. The wedding will take place in New York City next month. Before going to Vancouver to reside two years ago, the bride-to-be was well-known among the younger set here, and a member of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, the Victoria Lawn Tennis Club and the Beaux Arts Society. Lieutenant Brackett is a graduate of the University of Washington and well-known in yachting circles in the Sound city. He joined the United States navy in July of this year and is at present stationed on the east coast.

WAR MAYOR

CHELSEA, England (CP)—Lady Clare Hartnell, Mayor of Chelsea, has agreed to serve a second term, at the request of her council.

Weddings

WELLS-GARRARD

The chapel of Brentwood College was the scene of its first wedding last evening at 8 when a former pupil, John Alexander MacKay Wells, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wells, Wilkie, Sask., and Alice Margaret (Peggy), twin daughter of Major and Mrs. W. Garrard, Tod Inlet, were united in marriage by Canon R. J. Pierce.

White chrysanthemums and holly were used in decoration of the chapel and altar. Mr. Leslie Bott was at the organ, and the full choir of past and present students sang "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven."

Major Garrard gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a gown of ivory satin, with short train and long sleeves, and an heirloom veil of old lace which belonged to her paternal great-grandmother. Miss Norma Garrard, sister of the bride, in old rose velvet, and Miss Barbara Wells, sister of the groom, in reseda green velvet, were the bridesmaids, their gowns fashioned alike on princess lines, with little skulls of velvet. Both carried sheaves of white chrysanthemums.

Mr. Ned Symons was best man and Mr. Logan Mayhew and the prefects of Brentwood College were the ushers.

A reception attended by about 50 guests were received by Major and Mrs. Garrard and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wells, was held at the home of the bride's parents. The supper table was centred with the wedding cake, with tall, red candles in silver candelabra. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Wells left for Wilkie, Sask., to make their home, the bride traveling in a soldier blue wool crepe ensemble, with matching hat and fur coat.

HOWES-HAMER

At a quiet ceremony at the Church of Our Lord Saturday evening at 7.30, Rev. E. Bird united in marriage Hilda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamer of Rochdale, England, and Ivan B. Howes, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Howes of Comox, B.C. The music was played by Mrs. Bird.

The bride was attractive in a deep blue dress with matching accessories, her corsage bouquet being of pink roses and white carnations. She was attended by Mrs. C. Kneale, wearing a smart French beige dress with bouquet of pink carnations and forget-me-nots. Mr. Jack Dawson supported the groom.

Following the service a reception for immediate friends was held at 464 Kingston Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Howes left for a short honeymoon up-island before making their home in Victoria.

VANCOUVER — Seasonal foliage and paper white chrysanthemums formed the decorative setting in St. Paul's Anglican Church Saturday afternoon, when Joan Hayter, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Crickmay, became the bride of Mr. Ian McQueen, son of Mrs. McQueen and the late Rev. E. McQueen of Victoria. Rev. Canon Harold King officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride had chosen for her wedding a gown of white triple sheer, with a lover's knot applied on the side front of the very full skirt. A six-inch lace girdle was inset at the waist, to which both bodice and skirt were gathered, and a sweetheart neckline and elbow-length puffed sleeves completed the design.

Her short hand-embroidered veil of French tulle was caught in place by a coronet of orange blossoms, which had been worn by her mother at her wedding, and she carried a colonial bouquet of Rapture roses, freesias and pink bouvardia.

Mrs. E. G. Peake was her matron of honor, in electric blue triple sheer with a full-length skirt and a finely-shirred bodice. Over it she wore a waist-length jacket with a peplum frill, and her pancake hat of matching material sponsored a flat bow at the back. She carried a semi-shower bouquet of single chrysanthemums and pink carnations. Mr. John Hemmingsen was groomsmen.

A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Crickmay receiving the guests in a crepe back satin gown of periwinkle blue in surplice design. Sleeves were bracelet length and groups of pin tucking distinguished the gown back and front. A black and white feather wing trimmed her tricorn hat. The groom's mother wore a black and white ensemble.

For her traveling ensemble the bride wore a Valhalla blue French silk and wool sports ensemble with a brown fur coat and hat to match.

The W.A. to the District Depot met on Friday at the home of Mrs. Eade. The next meeting will be held at 2 on January 10 at the home of Mrs. P. E. Corby, 1417 Camosun Street.

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On Friday evening of this week, the new Victoria Hostess House on Fort Street, near the corner of Cook, will be opened to the men of the services. The canteen will be opening daily from 3.30 till 11 p.m. after that date.

Although the new quarters will be available to the forces from Friday on, the official opening ceremonies will be postponed until January 8 at 3 p.m. owing to the multiplicity of Christmas engagements.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for furnishing and preparing the recreational centre has been busily engaged in last-minute detail and there are to be three Christmas parties for children of the men of the forces: the first, for children of The Canadian Scottish on December 20, followed on December 21 by one for the families of Air Force men, and on December 28 for those of the 5th B.C. Coast Brigade.

On Christmas Eve the clubrooms will be open to men of the three services, when a program of entertainment will be given, followed by dancing. On December 28 there will be a floor show in the evening with Miss Alice Bell as convener, assisted by Mrs. J. M. Nichol and Mrs. Humphrey Baynes, and on December 29, in the evening, there will be moving pictures.

Yule Pageant to Aid Princess's Fund

A Christmas Gift Service will be held in Metropolitan United Church on Sunday next, at 3 o'clock, when the Sunday schools of Metropolitan Church, the Chinese United Church and the Japanese United Church will join to present a program centring around a Christmas pageant entitled "The Glory of the Star." Miss Wilma Gardner will take the leading part with a group of primary children from the three schools. Older children will also take part and C.G.T. girls form the choir. Many well-known Christmas carols, in which all may join, are included on the program and these are under the direction of Mr. Frank Tupman.

The gifts will be in the form of money instead of the customary white gifts, and will be sent to the Princess Elizabeth fund in aid of British children suffering from war conditions. Teachers and children have been working hard to make the service a success and an enjoyable afternoon in the true spirit of Christmas is promised. The public is cordially invited to attend, especially members of the three

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church congregations. Preceding the service, Mr. Edward Parsons will give an organ recital, commencing at 2.45.

The W.A. to the Royal Canadian Artillery will hold a special meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Barker, 468 Head Street, Esquimalt, Wednesday evening. All members are requested to attend.

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Guest Children Are Happy in Canada; More Coming

By GLADYS ARNOLD
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP)—Throughout western Canada work of organizing reception and distribution centres is going forward in anticipation of new arrivals of British guest children, expected to come to the Dominion in the spring. Keith Jopson, British government representative for the Children's Overseas reception Board, said yesterday.

Mr. Jopson has just returned from a 15-day tour of centres as far west as Victoria to meet provincial authorities and deliver the thanks of the British government for the care provided for children who have already come to Canada.

"In speaking to people in the west I was glad to be able to say 'when' the flow of children across the Atlantic begins again and not 'if it begins,' he said.

In Canada now are 5,858 children, 1,532 brought to the Dominion under government sponsorship and 4,326 under private auspices.

The movement of children to Canada stopped in the fall after the sinking of the City of Benares when more than 80 children died. Mr. Jopson said he was confident more children will come to Canada in the spring.

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Clubwomen's News

A special meeting of the Florence Nightingale Chapter I.O.D.E. will be held on Wednesday evening at 7.30, at headquarters.

St. Alban's Ladies' Guild will hold a 500 card social on Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the church hall, Ryan Street, the final social of this year.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Engineers will meet on Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. R. V. C. Bessonne, 649 Admirals Road, Esquimalt.

The Connaught Seamen's Institute Ladies' Guild met yesterday at the institute, Superior Street, with Mrs. Vernon Thomson, president, in the chair. Bills were ordered paid. Four bedspreads, offered by an anonymous donor, were gratefully accepted. Mrs. J. Quinn reported 148 men in Royal Jubilee Hospital this month, and she distributed cigarettes, magazines and fruit to them. Mrs. H. M. S. Cotter, reporting for St. Joseph's Hospital, showed visits made to 30 men, who were given cigarettes, magazines and fruit. An extra donation was voted for hospital work at Christmas. The annual donation of a ton of coal to an old sailor will be made as usual. It was decided to send woolies on hand to the minisweepers in the North Sea. The tea hostesses were Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. Pendray.

St. Andrew's Women's Missionary Auxiliary held their annual meeting in the lecture room on Monday afternoon, Mrs. F. W. Allott, president, in the chair. Departmental secretaries presented reports covering their year's work. Mrs. J. A. Kennedy led the devotion. Mrs. F. Moore, convener, submitted the slate of officers nominated for the year 1941, which was accepted as read. A special Christmas address was given by Miss Constance Brandon, secretary of the Dominion World Movement. Miss Brandon enlarged upon each principle word in the title of her address, "Christmas and the missionary church in the world of today," stating in part the Christian message is a living seed sown in the hearts of peoples, where it lives even in those parts of the world where it is repressed temporarily. And social service alone will not change lives to the Christian way of living—the gospel message only can do that.

Craigflower W.I. met Friday at the home of Mrs. Clair with the president, Mrs. Rives, in the chair. Mrs. Corke, chairman of the social committee, reported the recent bazaar a financial success. Mrs. Bate, Mrs. Blyth, Mrs. Hemley and Mr. Thompson won the prizes. Mrs. Rives, chairman of the welfare committee that meets every Thursday to do refugee sewing, reported that a large parcel had been sent to England and one to the Peace River district. June Pilgrim offered to make a bolt of material into children's suits if the institute would buy the material. Her offer was gratefully accepted. Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Rankin were appointed as auditors. It was decided to have a party for the members and husbands and Mrs. Corke was appointed convener. Election resulted in most of the former officers being re-elected. Mrs. Rives, president; Mrs. Rankin, vice-president; Mrs. Clair, secretary; Mrs. Gouge and Mrs. Colton, directors. The hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Renwick, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Shaw.

The Golden Link Auxiliary W.M.S. of First United Church met at the home of Mrs. W. J. Rattray, 1335 Franklin Terrace, the president, Mrs. J. A. Skellern, presiding. After the devotional period Mrs. Fuller, who has recently returned from living in China, gave a graphic description of conditions in Shanghai. The treasurer's report that the society's yearly allocation of \$350 had again been fully raised, all by free-will offerings, was gratifying. Election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. presidents, Mrs. H. A. McLeod and Mrs. W. G. Wilson; past president, Miss N. M. McKillican; president, Mrs. J. A. Skellern; first vice-president, Mrs. W. S. Dawson; second vice-president, Mrs. Reid; treasurer, Mrs. S. H. Shaw; secretary, Miss P. More; assistant secretary, Miss P. Barbour; pianist, Mrs. Cartwright; press secretary, Miss M. Simpson; finance committee, convener Miss M. Mitchell, Miss McKillican, Mrs. Barnes; stewardship, community friendship, Miss L. Renwick; supply, Mrs. N. Wright, Mrs. A. L. Hunkin, Mrs. Crowther; temperance, Mrs. H. B. Sargison; missionary monthly, Miss B. Cuthbertson, Miss M. Brown; sick visitors, Mrs. W. Naismith, Mrs. C. H. Bone; social, Miss MacKay, Mrs. E. Boulton, Miss J. Watt, Miss E. More; Red Cross, Miss J. Rattray; circle leaders, Mrs. Cartwright, Miss H. Stewart, Miss Lothian and Miss Boulton.

The Solarium W.A. will meet on Thursday next at 2.30 p.m. in the Solarium Office, Pemberton Building.

The annual meeting of the South Seanch Women's Institute will be held in the institute's rooms on Thursday afternoon.

Metropolitan United W.M.S. met yesterday afternoon, Mrs. W. H. Muncy presiding. The senior girls' choir of the North Ward school, directed and accompanied by Mr. Muncy, sang "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" and "How Far Is It to Bethlehem." The monthly reports were read and passed, after which the devotional service was taken by Mrs. A. Sullivan and Miss Grace Baker, the responses being sung by the choir. Dr. Whitehouse presided at the election of officers as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. A. E. Whitehouse; president, Mrs. W. H. Muncy; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Akhurst; second vice-president, Mrs. T. Cliff; third vice-president, Mrs. R. Harris; fourth vice-president, Mrs. A. Sullivan; recording secretary, Miss G. V. Baker; corresponding secretary, Mrs. S. M. Vallis; treasurer, Miss E. Harte; Christian stewardship, Mrs. Wharton; literature, Mrs. E. Crummy; supply secretary, Mrs. Whiteley; temperance, Mrs. Holland; associated helpers, Mrs. Kent; press secretary, Mrs. A. J. Daniels; community friendship, Miss M. Bawden; social convener, Mrs. R. J. C. Smith; Missionary Monthly secretary, Miss Hudson; pianist, Miss Ada Ede; superintendent of mission band, Mrs. Alfred Dowell; superintendent of the mission circle and C.G.I.T. councillor, Mrs. R. Harris. Mrs. W. E. Harper headed the nominating committee. Dr. Whitehouse spoke in appreciation of the work of the W.M.S. The annual reports were read and accepted. A vote of thanks was voted to the Times and the Colonist for their courtesy and attention to the reports sent in throughout the year.

C.Y.O. COMMUNION
The Catholic unit of the Catholic Youth Organization held a successful Communion breakfast at Loretto Hall Sunday morning, December 15. Bishop Cody was the guest of honor. Father Matte of the newly-formed Chinese Mission School of the Holy Angels, delivered an inspiring address on Catholic action using as his theme the life of John Bosco, the patron saint of the Catholic Youth Organizations of the world. Father Hugh Sharkey of the Chinese Mission in Vancouver related a few incidents of his former missionary work in China.

Much of the success of the breakfast was due to the convener, Ruth Waddington and her able assistant, Vera Moreau, also to the sisters of the Holy Angels. Don Thompson, vice-president, presided in the unavoidable absence of the president.

The mountain ash belongs to the apple family and is not as ash at all.

Charmed Life

LONDON (CP)—This log was issued by the air ministry news service for a British pilot of an eight-gun Royal Air Force fighter.

He shot down six Italian CR42s (Fiat single-seater fighters) in 15 minutes over the western desert.

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The next day, the truck on which he was returning to his base ran safely over a land mine, but the next car in line was blown up.

The following day the pilot was back fighting with his squadron.

Cut Bacon Price

SASKATOON (CP)—Dominion Agriculture Minister Gardiner said here the Canadian government had informed the British government it was prepared to take a lower price for Canadian bacon if Britain would take the entire Canadian surplus.

The British government regards bacon as an expensive way to eat pork, and has placed it far down on its list of food requirements. Mr. Gardiner said in outlining negotiations he and agriculture officials conducted in Britain when the new bacon agreement was drawn up.

Ban Poultry Exports

BERLIN (AP)—A Bucharest dispatch to the German news and propaganda agency said the Rumanian government had forbidden the export of poultry, either live or slaughtered, eggs, peas and oilcake on the grounds that existing stocks are barely enough for Rumania's needs. The ban became effective today.

Legion Raises Fund

CRANBROOK, B.C. (CP)—More than \$300 was raised during the past year by the Windermere Post, Canadian Legion, for relief work, public services and war projects, it was disclosed at the annual meeting. The membership totals 35.

T. N. Weir was elected president, J. Ogilvie-Wills vice-president, T. W. Turner secretary, and T. C. Bell treasurer.

GIRL REOPENS CHURCH

WINDSOR, England (CP)—Doors of Boveney Church were closed at the outbreak of war, and the historic building, mention of which is made in the Domesday Book, was abandoned until Miss Joan Wing decided to act. All by herself she scrubbed the floors, cleaned the brass, dusted the pews and even "booked" a preacher. The church was unable to hold the congregation which turned out for the reopening. So Miss Wing, who lives at Boveney, near Windsor, hopes now to have services at least once a month.

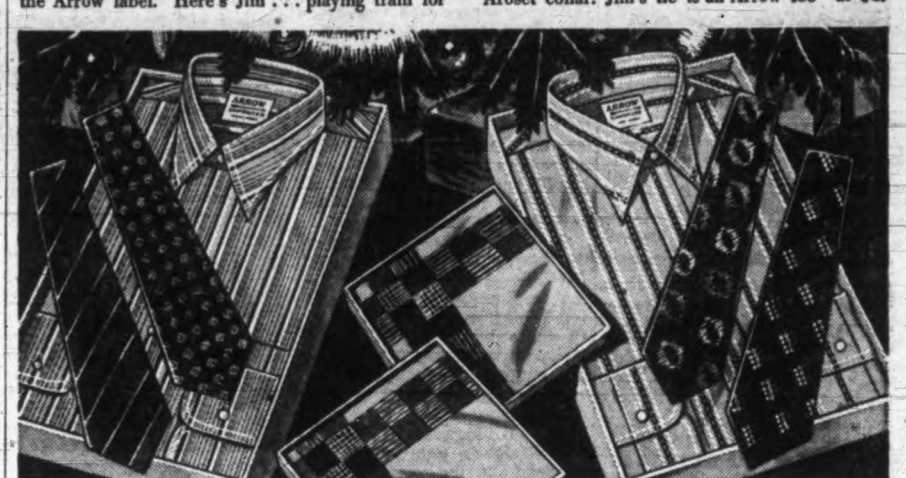
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Christmas Concert. At St. Michael's

On Friday evening the boys of St. Michael's School entertained their parents and friends in a series of songs, musical turns, skits, playlets and posed scenes in the school gymnasium. The program opened with the introduction of each boy in rhymed couplets and the singing of the school song in Latin.

David Price at the piano, Hamish Nicol with his violin and John Hall with his riddles entertained the audience in turn. They were followed by the junior form acting a rhymed playlet on the subject of "What Makes Christmas?" This item reached a joyous climax when five of the smallest boys in the school came on to the stage dressed as four and five-year-olds.

An eightsome reel in native Highland dress was presented. The final of the junior reading competition was won by Charles Drage, the runner-up being James Prentice. Offsetting this serious item were three skits done by members of the fourth form. They in turn demonstrated the difficulties of sending Christmas puddings to Easter Island, the stupidity of jumping to conclusions on overhearing telephone conversations, and the effects of altering the customary routine of meals in rural England. The boarders then burlesqued a meal at the schoolhouse, the quantities of bread being consumed amazing even the actors themselves. Robin Young played the piano and Tony Pollard told tales. Form 2 then took charge of the stage and showed what they could do with the House That Jack Built as a progressive poem acted with a few props. The Scout troop did its share in the way of entertainment by actually investing a new Scout and with the awarding of many proficiency badges.

A. C. Privett of Brentwood College judged the senior reading competition. He awarded the first prize to Hamish Nicol and the second to Gordon Adam. A series of pictures was acted by the boys of Form 3 representing advertisements. These were directed by C. E. Ley, as was the fashion show that followed a little later. Form 5 showed how English and Canadian boys reacted on each other, the slight confusion that resulted from schoolboy slang deriving many laughs. The Wolf Cub pack staged a show consisting of a mock afternoon's work and a circus. The evening closed with the singing of "There'll Always Be an England" and a Christmas carol.

Two boys dressed as Red Cross nurses took a collection of \$42.10, which has been sent to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

An average of one person has been accidentally killed every 16 minutes for the past 10 years.

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Santa's Secrets



Farmers, Scientists Honor Straight

Farmers of the Saanich peninsula, professional agriculturists, scientists of the land and friends and neighbors of many years gathered in the Farmers' Pavilion at the Dominion Experimental Farm at Bajan Bay last night to honor Professor E. M. Straight, B.Sc., for more than 20 years the station's superintendent, who retired recently, and Mrs. Straight.

It was a comfortable, friendly gathering, in the cosy pavilion, with its walls of knotted pine and its great fireplace, in which huge logs crackled and blazed. The long tables were spread with the good things of Saanich farms, flowers, apples, nuts and sprigs of holly being used in decoration. Old-time farmers who conferred with Professor Straight in the old days, younger farmers who had sought the veteran's advice more recently, housewives who went to Mrs. Straight with their problems and women of the farms who had co-operated with her in many fairs and bazaars and community gatherings were there to honor this popular couple, who have come to live in Victoria.

George T. Michell, president of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society occupied the chair and presented to Professor and Mrs. Straight, on behalf of all those present, a handsome electric mantle clock and a desk pen and ink set, with the best wishes of everyone in Saanich for happy years.

"We all appreciate to the full Mr. Straight's co-operation and courtesy and the service he has given," Mr. Michell said.

FLOWERS PRESENTED

On behalf of the women, Mrs. B. Deacon presented Mrs. Straight with a beautiful bouquet and said: "We are glad you are not going far away." In his brief speech of thanks, Mr. Straight told of his final official work—the promotion of the sugar beet seed industry. Canada would have to produce 1,000,000 pounds of seed if the country was to have all the sugar it needed. He felt this could be done.

"I am going to live in Victoria; my door will always be open to all of you, and I hope still to be of some service to the community," he said.

W. D. Michell, president of the South Saanich Farmers' Institute, welcomed the visitors and expressed their best wishes to Professor and Mrs. Straight.

Hon. Dr. K. C. Macdonald, Minister of Agriculture, said to Professor Straight: "I hope you will be spared to advise and supervise this community and I hope the B.C. Department of Agriculture will still feel free to call upon you for advice and co-operation. You have done a good job and I hope you and Mrs. Straight will be spared many years and will have much happiness and, above all, good health."



E. M. STRAIGHT



MRS. STRAIGHT



G. M. STEWART



GEO. T. MICHELL



MRS. MICHELL



W. H. HICKS

Alex. McDonald, president of the North and South Saanich Horticultural Society, proposing a toast to the honor guests, said: "You have always been ready and willing to assist us and advise us. Our district's loss is another district's gain. We look to you to still perform much useful work for the community and you take with you into retirement all our best wishes." At this point the guests sang, "For they are jolly good fellows," and gave three cheers and a tiger.

W. H. Hicks, superintendent of the Agassiz Experimental Farm, brought good wishes of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and said: "I know Mr. Straight does not feel his life's work is ended by any means."

G. M. Stewart also spoke for the federal department. He said: "Mr. Straight has always been an ardent worker, but, what is more, he has always been a good friend to all of us. He's always been willing to give of his experience. He retires as a loyal servant of the country to which he has given all he has."

PLAIN, DIRT FARMER

Professor H. J. T. Coleman, retired member of the University of British Columbia faculty, now

living at Deep Cove, said: "I think there's something of the plain, dirt farmer about Mr. Straight still—something of the ordinary man who has the distinction of wielding the spade and the hoe. But we also know him as a distinguished scientist and an executive of note."

Among the organizations represented at the gathering were the South Saanich Farmers' and Women's Institutes; the Vancouver Island Fruit Growers' Association; the Saanich Pioneer Society; the Saanich Board of Trade; the Sidney Businessmen's Association; the Saanich Jersey Cattle Club; the North and South Saanich Sheep Breeders' Association; the Saanich Fruit Growers' Association; the Saanich-Bulk Growers' Association; the Victoria Horticultural Society; the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists; the Sidney Horticultural Society and Resthaven.

Sitting around the tables, talking over farm problems and chatting of old times, were J. M. Malcolm, old-timer of Mount Newton; Alderman D. D. McTavish, president of the B.C. Agricultural Association; Sydney Pickles, who has taken up farming in Saanich and co-operated last summer with Professor Straight in production of sugar beets for seed; E. H. Hall,

acting superintendent at the station; Robert Derringerberg, one of the rising young farmers of the island; W. H. Robertson, provincial horticulturist; Cecil Tice, B.C. field crops commissioner; Stuart G. Stoddart, secretary-treasurer of the Saanich Agricultural Association; Jim Turner, pioneer farmer and breeder of Shorthorn cattle; E. W. White, of the staff of the B.C. agriculture department; Henderson Lawrie and Harold Thompson, two of the peninsula's most successful fruit growers; J. J. White of Sidney; Philip and Walter Holloway, fruit growers; J. M. Stewart, who operated a big fruit ranch; Norman W. Whitaker, K.C., M.P.P. for Saanich; Stanley Brethour, pioneer of the Sidney district; Sidney Fox, dairy farmer; George W. Malcolm, Alfred Hafer, L. G. Thomas, of the Sidney Duck Farm, and William Downes, Dominion government entomologist at Victoria.

Contributing to the musical part of the program were Mrs. Herbert Leiser and Walter Jones, who sang, accompanied at the piano by Herbert Leiser.

Before starting for home, the 150 guests bid adieu to Professor and Mrs. Straight and hoped all would have another gathering before long.

THE WEATHER

VICTORIA, 5 a.m. today—A deep disturbance is centred west of the Queen Charlotte Islands and pressure is relatively high over Alberta. The weather continues cold over the interior of British Columbia, while on the coast it is becoming milder. Subzero temperature is reported in the prairie provinces.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.43; temperature, max. 45, min. 35; wind, 10 miles N.E.; cloudy.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.46; temperature, max. 35, min. 22; wind, 5 miles E.; fair.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.35; temperature, max. 45, min. 34; wind, 5 miles N.W.; cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.64; temperature, max. 54, min. 43; wind, 5 miles S.W.; precip., .64; cloudy.

	Max.	Min.
Victoria	45	35
Nanaimo	38	26
Vancouver	35	23
New Westminster	40	29
Prince Rupert	45	34
Dawson	5	10
Seattle	54	44
Portland	39	33
San Francisco	54	43
Kamloops	32	17
Prince George	34	17
Kelowna	34	18
Pentteton	28	20
Verdon	21	1
Nelson	26	8
Kaslo	23	8
Grand Forks	18	8
Edmonton	28	13
Prince Albert	14	3
Regina	11	3
Winnipeg	11	5
Toronto	40	29
Ottawa	32	16
St. John	31	14
Halifax	34	21

Egyptians enjoyed something resembling fruit cake, chemists judge by examining bread with fruit in it, made 3,580 years ago.

All About Jane and Jimmy's Magic Merry Christmas
Chapter 20—Tinkle to the Rescue

25 Years Ago

December 17, 1915
LONDON—It is learned on excellent authority that the engagement of Field Marshal Earl Kitchener to the Dowager Countess of Minto will be announced shortly. She is the widow of the Earl of Minto, who died in 1914.

AMSTERDAM—A German Zeppelin, heavily laden with bombs, and traveling in a westerly direction towards the battle line in northern France, exploded on

Wednesday near Namur, Belgium. The airship was totally destroyed and every member of the crew killed.

The afternoon boat from Vancouver today brought home Corporal Wylie Kenning, who has returned from the front. Gassed at Ypres, Corporal Kenning has come to the Esquimalt Hospital for treatment, and later will go to his home at Duncan.

At the regular Sunday evening concert at the Royal Victoria Theatre, by the 5th Regiment Band,

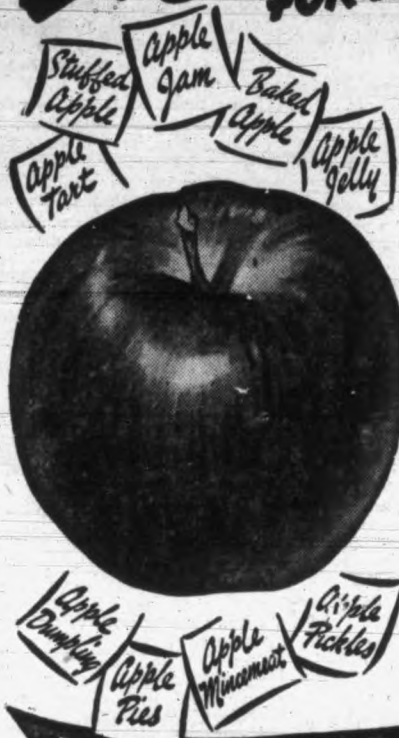
Mrs. Kershaw-Edmonds will be the vocalist and Bandsman L. Willis the clarinet vocalist.

Presenting Christmas plays, students of Strathcona Girls School delighted an appreciative audience in the school gymnasium Saturday evening. "Alice in Wonderland," "Swine Herd" and "The Three Roses" were presented.

The collection taken at the door, \$11.65, was given to the Red Cross.

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Go any trip DECEMBER 23, until midnight DECEMBER 25. Return before midnight on DECEMBER 26.

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Go any trip DECEMBER 30, until midnight JANUARY 1. Return before midnight on JANUARY 2.

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—Furs, Fashion Floor at THE BAY



Women's Cosy Slippers 50c

Neat-fitting Felt Slippers... a gift of warmth and comfort. Padded soles and heels. Some are ribbon drawn—others have silver or gold binding. Sizes 4 to 8.

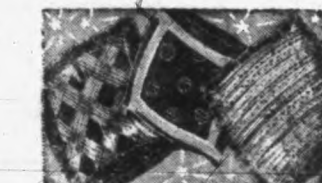
Children's Zipper Slippers 99c

Children will like these smooth blue and red slippers. Ankle high with patent leather collar. Soft, padded soles. Zipper fasteners. Sizes 5 to 7.

Women's Shoes Regular 3.50 and 2.98

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—Women's Shoes, Fashion Floor at THE BAY



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Included are nurses' outfits in 3 sizes; also doll sets containing crib sheet, rubber gloves, apron and rubber pants. An exciting gift for any little girl.

—Notions, Street Floor at THE BAY



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—Men's Furnishings, Street Floor at THE BAY

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Fit-All-Top in light service weight for the lady who prefers a heavier Hosiery with two-way stretch tops. She'll be delighted with the lovely shades. Sizes 8½ to 10½. Pair... 1.15

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Men's Gift Sets 4⁵⁵

Set as illustrated, the kind that will ease your masculine gift worries. It's by Lenthier and includes shave bowl, after-shave talc, after-shave lotion and eau de cologne. Presented in a gift box, decorated with a polo motif. Set... 4.55

SHAVE CREAM AND TALC
Two items that all men appreciate. An inexpensive gift of shaving comfort. Both for... 1.00

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Leafs After 9th Straight

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

ANY CRITICISM that might have been hurled at the local rugby selectors was exploded like the proverbial bubble Saturday when the Crimson Tide went over to the mainland and waited through Vancouver fops by the one-sided margin of 24 points. The Victoria team not only steam-rolled its way over the mainlanders, but halted them dead in their tracks on the offensive, the local line not being crossed for a single point.

Such a decisive victory should be more than enough to silence the round-the-corner critics of the team selections. Results always speak louder than words, and the Crimson Tide certainly rolled up a score that can leave no doubt as to its ability on the field of play. If Saturday's result is any criterion it looks as if Victoria Canadian football and rugby will experience its greatest season in years. The Revellers marched to the football championship with an undefeated record. And it looks as if the Crimson Tide might repeat the dose. Nothing would suit us better. Any victory over Vancouver is like an elixir to Victoria sports fans.

ONCE AGAIN there was a good example Saturday of the value of substitution in English rugby. In the first five minutes of the match Vancouver lost the services of its fullback through injury. The mainlanders, hopelessly outclassed as it was, were forced to play through the remainder of the match with only 14 men. Here was the case of a badly-beaten club being called upon to suffer further handicap through a age-worn rule that should have been scrapped years ago. Adopt a rule that allows substitution for any injured player. No player, regardless of how fine a condition he may be in, can be put out of action. No sport should ask one side to go up against an opponent of greater numerical strength. That is not sport in the true sense of the word.

Speaking of Canadian football we had one of the members of the Vancouver Bulldogs' boosters' club in the office on Saturday, and he kind of gave us an earful on just what the Vancouver officials think of the Victoria Revellers' Club and its officials, following the recent rumour over the visit of the Calgary Bronks to the coast.

"Vancouver doesn't want to play football with Victoria next season," he said. This remark was made after we had told of how the Revellers were determined to break with the mainlanders and go along on their own with the hope of bringing in outside competition from the United States.

"The Bulldogs have big plans for next season, which include bringing the Calgary Bronks out to the coast for a couple of engagements," he continued. "The Bulldogs will also make a trip to the prairies. That will provide Vancouver fans with some great football, and we intend to strengthen the Bulldogs by importing some first-class material."

As a little advice from this corner, we suggested the Bulldogs also import a coach capable of teaching the players something. "We will do that, too, and only wish we had your George Deacon in Vancouver to handle the job," he came back. So, apparently, Deacon rates high in mainland grid circles, but their hopes of getting his services are null and void. George likes it in Victoria and, providing his business connections do not call for his departure, Vancouver is just out of luck.

CANADIAN GETS DRAW
TORONTO (CP) — Jackie (Spider) Armstrong, 125½, Toronto, fought an uphill battle to gain a draw with Bobby (Poison) Ivy, 127, of Hartford, Conn., in the 10-round feature bout of a boxing show here last night.

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Lester Patrick's New York Rangers may only be in fifth place in the National Hockey League standing, which is certainly no great shakes, but they have one claim to fame. They're the only club in the league which has managed to break even so far with the leading Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Leafs, beaten only twice in 15 games and winners of the other 13 starts, have topped every team in the league except the Rangers at least twice and have beaten two of the clubs, Chicago Black Hawks and Montreal Canadiens, three times. Their record with the Rangers stands at a victory apiece.

Tonight the Leafs will seek to stretch their winning streak to nine straight games when they play the Bruins in Boston. It's the third meeting between the teams this season, with the Leafs winning 4 to 1 and 3 to 2 in their previous encounters. One other game is scheduled. Detroit Red Wings take on Americans in New York.

SCORING RACE

Two assists that Boston's Bill Cowley picked up during the last week kept him perched at the top of the scoring race, official league figures showed last night.

Cowley, with five goals and 12 assists, retained his one-point lead, but this time it was Bryan Hextall of Rangers who was in second slot, with 16 points. Hextall moved up from third during the week.

Toronto's Syl Apps was in third place, another point behind, after moving up from sixth position, while in fourth spot were Gordie Drillon of Toronto, Syd Howe of Detroit, who had dropped from second, and Phil Watson of Rangers.

Sweeney Schriner of Toronto took over leadership in the goal-giving department with 10. Cowley's 12 assists retained the leadership in that section for him. The league's official bad man was still Jimmy Orlando of Detroit with 33 minutes in the penalty box.

Official statistics follow:

	G	A	Pts	Pen
Cowley, Boston	5	12	17	4
Hextall, Rangers	9	7	16	4
Apps, Toronto	7	8	15	0
Drillon, Toronto	8	6	14	0
Howe, Detroit	6	8	14	6
Watson, Rangers	3	11	14	6-M
Conacher, R. Bos.	8	5	13	0
Gouldup, Toronto	8	4	12	9
Schriner, Toronto	10	1	11	2
Motter, Detroit	7	4	11	8
Allen, G., Chicago	6	5	11	4
Wiseman, Boston	6	5	11	0
Metz, N., Toronto	5	6	11	4
Colville, N., Rgrs.	4	6	10	9
Taylor, Toronto	3	7	10	2
Colville, M., Rgrs.	3	7	10	6
Langelte, Toronto	2	8	10	0
Demers, Canadiens	6	3	9	0
Abel, Detroit	4	5	9	15
Wares, Detroit	3	6	9	11
Giesebrecht, Det.	2	7	9	5
Dahlstrom, Chicago	2	8	4	8
March, Chicago	4	4	8	4
Schmidt, Boston	4	4	8	8
Bruneteau, Det.	3	5	8	6
Thoms, Chicago	2	6	8	2

Lack of Sport Development

NEW YORK (AP) — Sports editors throughout the United States asked to name 1940's principal trend in the annual Associated Press survey to find out which way the sports wind is blowing, have come to the conclusion that the year was distinguished for its lack of any single major development.

In all 18 "trends" were mentioned by more than one of the 72 contributors. The closest to a truly representative answer was increased stress on offense in college football, with a resultant increase in scoring. This was mentioned by 15 men.

Eight of them noted greater interest in attendance at professional sports events, primarily football games. There were seven supporters each for a boom in bowling and continued de-emphasis of college football, with Yale as the most striking example of the latter.

Five experts saw a trend in the continued spread of night baseball in the major leagues, particularly outside New York, as noteworthy. Three editors noted minor league baseball on the wane, while a similar number voted for a return of football power to the east (two saw it returning to the western conference, and had good arguments in Minnesota, Michigan and North-western).

In 14th century France, butchers were forbidden by law to sell meat by candlelight or lamplight.

Victoria Daily Times

Second Section Tuesday, December 17, 1940 SPORT

Latest Edition of Canadiens



Here is the 1940-41 streamlined edition of the Montreal Canadiens in the National Hockey League. Under the capable coaching of Dick Irvin the Flying Frenchmen have been showing improvement in the major hockey race, since the opening of the season. Players above, from left to right: Top row, John Gaulty, Cliff Goupille, Ken Reardon, Tony Grabowski, Alex Singush. Second row: Bill O'Brien, trainer; Ray Getliffe, Toe Blake, captain; Doug Young, Charlie Sands, Louis Trudell, Joe Benoit, Ernie Cook, trainer; Johnny Laurin, trainer. Front row: Dick Irvin, coach; Tony Demers, Paul Haynes, Jack Adams, Bert Gardiner, Elmer Lach and Murph Chamberlain.

Tells How Derby Fish Was Planted

SEATTLE — Details of the fraud perpetrated on sportsmen in a major Seattle fishing derby last fall were revealed in superior court yesterday as Anthony Zuanich went on trial on a charge of grand larceny.

Zuanich is accused of "winning" an automobile with a "planted" fish in the Seattle Times derby September 29.

The husky and bellicose defendant buried his face in his handkerchief and laughed heartily at some of the testimony presented yesterday by his acknowledged former henchman in the enterprise, Robert Roop, 24, of 606 Columbia Street, who insisted, nevertheless, that he was an innocent party in the affair.

Zuanich and three others—Miss June Smalander, Frank Dupuy of Everett and M. E. Smith, 24—each "won" a new automobile with the big salmon which each presented as caught in the fishing derby. Subsequently it was revealed that Zuanich had bought the fish from Indians, kept them alive in a box near shore, and distributed them among the boats of his collaborators just before the derby closed.

PLEAD INSANITY
At Zuanich's side in Superior Judge Chester A. Batchelor's court as a jury of five men and eight women—one an alternate—were chosen to try him, was his 28-year-old wife, Helen. Defence Counsel Maurice Kadish declared the wife will be called to testify to Zuanich's inability to distinguish right from wrong in situations where an element of chance or gambling is involved.

This is the keystone of the Zuanich defence, plus the angle advanced by his father, A. A. Zuanich, of Bellingham and Everett, that his son was hit on the head with an axe while very young. The plea is not guilty by reason of insanity.

Roop identified the plug which he stuck in the salmon's mouth so it would look like it was freshly caught.

BAYS PRACTICE

J.B.A.A. rugby tests will hold a workout this evening at Macdonald Park at 6.45.

Red Cross Shoot

Expert scatter-gun shots from Victoria and many other island points will gather at the Albert Head Road grounds of the Victoria Skeet and Gun Club Sunday to take part in the club's monster Red Cross turkey shoot—the biggest event of its kind ever planned on the island.

A splendid day-long program has been arranged by the executive, who are expecting an entry that will outshine all other attendances from major events staged at the Albert Head site.

Every known marksman on the island has been extended an invitation to participate in the classic. However, it is not a program exclusively for shooters. It is one that has been designed for the enjoyment of nonshooters as well. The affair is open to the public and is not confined to club members.

Shooting will open at 9.30 in the morning and continue through as long as daylight lasts.

GOLF WINNERS

Sunday's competition at the Victoria Golf Club for turkeys attracted an entry of 82. The winners in the various classes follow: Low gross, W. Bowden, 79; low net, R. Peachey, 71; low net first nine, W. Marston, 32½; low net second nine, C. W. Panigman, 34½; hidden holes, A. H. Ford, 20 1-8; non-playing winners, J. D. D. Campbell, W. C. Todd; consolation winners, E. D. Todd, J. C. Pendray and C. S. Henley.

Hogan Does Not Want First Spot

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Little Ben Hogan, the big money man of the year, insists he isn't the United States' No. 1 golfer.

Furthermore, he says he is glad of it.

"I never want to reach the top," Hogan said yesterday after clinching a fine campaign by finishing third in the \$10,000 Miami open.

"After a golfer gets to the top there is only one way he can go from there—and that's down," Hogan must have acquired that philosophy during those tedious years it took him to battle his way to the front ranks of professional golf.

He and Ralph Guldahl played in their first tournament together in Texas. Hogan kept plugging away after watching Guldahl reach the pinnacle of two consecutive national open championships.

Ben was a good golfer, but couldn't quite crash through to the peak. Small—he weighs only 132 pounds now—he developed an unusually full backswing, and began knocking the ball just about as far as the Sneads and Thomsons.

Then, this year, he came through. He won four tournaments, finished in the money in 19 others and finally earned the Vardon trophy awarded annually to the professional who is most consistently proficient.

His purse winnings of \$10,655 led the entire brigade of tournament campaigners.

"I don't have as much fun as I used to," sighed Hogan. "There is more of a strain now, and I don't have as much time to fool around."

—and the show will go on, rain or shine. While shooters will compete for the turkey prizes, arrangements have been made so that nonshooters have an even chance to win turkeys on the "lucky" target.

It is the hope of the club that this show will enable it to turn over a substantial sum to the Red Cross.

The program points out: That one turkey will be awarded to each sq. of 10 competitors. Shooters can enter as many times as they wish, there being a small entrance fee. Shells and targets must be procured from the club. After a shooter has won a turkey he is then automatically handicapped for all future shoots.

All events will be run on the "miss-and-out" basis—shooting straightaways from the single traps as well as incomers from the high-choke house. Lunch and refreshments will be available on the grounds.

Baseball Averages

DiMaggio Brilliant

Five Hoop Teams Still Unbeaten

In five of the eight divisions of the Victoria and District Basketball League leading teams are undefeated according to the official standings announced yesterday by Jack Taylor, league secretary.

The five unbeaten squads are Dominos, men's senior A; Hornsby's Hornets, men's senior C; St. Louis College, junior boys; Cardinals, women's division; Composites, interservice section.

Standings up to and including December 14 follow:

SENIOR A MEN			
	G.	W.	L.
Dominos	8	8	0
5th R.C.A.	9	5	4
T.A.C. Arrows	8	4	4
K.V.'s	8	4	4
West Road	9	0	0

SENIOR B MEN			
	G.	W.	L.
Eagles	6	4	2
Chinese Students	5	3	2
5th N.P.A.M.	6	3	3
Commercials	5	2	3
West Road	6	2	4

SENIOR C MEN			
	G.	W.	L.
Hornsby's Hornets	5	5	0
5th N.P.A.M.	4	1	3
Victors	5	1	4

INTERMEDIATE A BOYS			
	G.	W.	L.
Mantons Capitals	6	4	2
Douglas Cafe	6	3	3
Navy	6	2	4

INTERMEDIATE B BOYS			
	G.	W.	L.
Young Dominos	10	9	1
K.V.'s	11	9	2
Y.M.C.A.	10	6	4
Chinese Students	10	5	5
Fairfield	10	3	7
Cloverdale Aces	10	2	8
Hoyle Brown	11	2	9

JUNIOR BOYS			
	G.	W.	L.
St. Louis College	8	8	0
Fairfield Ramblers	8	5	3
Chinese Students	9	5	4
Young Arrows	9	3	6
K.V.'s	9	3	6
Y.M.C.A.	9	2	7

WOMEN'S LEAGUE			
	G.	W.	L.
Cardinals	6	6	0
Unities	6	2	4
Adverts	5	1	4

SERVICE LEAGUE			
	G.	W.	L.
Composites	4	4	0
Navy	4	3	1
Motorcycles	4	3	1
13th Field Ambl.	4	2	2
Medicals	4	0	4
R.C.A.F.	2	0	2
Western Air Com.	2	0	2

Rep' Rugby Team Plays Boxing Day

With Saturday's smashing win under their belts, Victoria's "rep" rugger start brushing up on their playing Thursday night at Macdonald Park for the second game of the McKechnie Cup loop here Boxing Day.

The team will work-out at 7 Thursday evening, at 10.30 Sunday morning and at 7 the following Monday evening.

All players who went to Vancouver for the opening game will be in uniform for the second

game with the mainland "rep" outfit.

Only one Barnard Cup game will be played this week, J.B.A.A. and 5th R.C.A. Non-Permanent Active Militia will clash at Macdonald Park Saturday at 2.45.

British Columbia high school final will be staged here, Saturday, December 28, with Kitisilano High School of Vancouver meeting a picked team from Victoria and Oak Bay high schools.

Louis Needs 5 Rounds To Finish Off Al McCoy

Hockey Standings

N. H. L.		Goals	
	W. L. T.	F. A.	P.
Toronto	13 2 0	50	24
Detroit	7 4 4	36	29
Boston	5 5 3	44	33
Chicago	5 7 3	31	38
Rangers	5 7 2	37	38
Canadiens	4 8 2	29	41
Americans	3 9 2	24	48

COAST LEAGUE						
Spokane	---	9	5	2	41	38 20
Vancouver	-	7	6	2	46	38 16
Seattle	-----	5	6	4	45	49 14
Portland		6	10	0	44	51 12

'Lousy Fight' Declares Louis

By BILL KING

BOSTON (AP)—An apologetic

Joe Louis, who appeared slightly worried over the inroads five months of idleness had made in his magnificent fighting machinery, had little to gloat about last night when he retired to his dressing-room after successfully defending his heavyweight title against little Al McCoy.

"It was a lousy fight," Louis said as he beat the newspapermen to the first verbal punch. "I must have looked as bad out there as I did the last time I was here." (On his previous Boston visit, seven years ago, Max Baer of Chicago knocked Louis down seven times in a national amateur semifinal.)

"That McCoy gave me plenty of trouble with his bobbing and weaving. He moved around so much that I had trouble catching him with my right and I had to left-jab him. I know I missed plenty of lefts, but when you've been idle for five months, you're bound to miss a lot of them."

NOT HURT ONCE

Louis was unable to recall a blow that made any impression on him.

"McCoy can't punch," he explained, "but he sure can make you look bad."

Except for a tightly closed left eye the much smaller McCoy emerged without an obvious mark.

"I wanted to keep going, and I could have gone the limit, but they wouldn't let me come out for the sixth," McCoy explained.

"Louis hits harder than they say he does," Al continued. "Those rights he landed on my body in the first round almost paralyzed me, and I had trouble straightening up."

"I think Billy Conn is a much better boxer than Louis, but, of course, he can't punch as hard."

REDS GET PRESSNELL

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Pitcher Forest (Tots) Pressnell, who was bought by the Cardinals from Brooklyn Dodgers November 19, has been sold to Cincinnati Reds, the St. Louis National League Club announced yesterday. The amount paid was not disclosed.

BOWLING

OLYMPIC ALLEYS
COMMERCIAL A TENPIN LEAGUE
C.I.L. Dynamiters—Donner 488, Baftage 487, Guss 414, Thatcher 366, Barrie 466, handicap 12. Total 2,678.

Sands—R. Gray 460, G. Harknett Jr. 146, G. Harknett Sr. 506, H. Jaousne 318, P. Sherritt 561, G. Gurr 292, handicap 32. Total 2,624.

C.I.L. Dynamiters won three.
Fletcher No. 1 Bacon—H. Paulding 324, R. O'Neil 502, V. Sanderson 532, L. Hornsby 584, Fletcher 499, handicap 12. Total 2,674.

Pauls—Bairley-D. Barr 448, H. Holmes 201, W. Coates 288, handicap 36. Total 2,330.

Fletcher's No. 1 Bacon won three.
Monarchs—C. Marks 571, J. Fudley 440, C. Holmes 488, K. Craig 520, H. Stuart 567, handicap 42. Total 2,510.

Wanderers—Struthers 364, A. McKenna 314, T. Nute 479, O. Peterson 498, R. Fritsch 451, G. Hopkins 297, handicap 127. Total 2,516.

Monarchs won two.
OLYMPIC MIXED FIFTEEN LEAGUE
Head Pins—M. Jones 422, J. Rutledge 223, P. Pearson 546, J. Barker 469, M. Ott 422, handicap 218. Total 2,431.

Central Bowling—P. Buckle 373, O. Pinkett 276, M. Hughes 509, W. Rose 516, C. Kirkham 425, handicap 33. Total 2,385.

Champ Shows Effects of Long Rest

BOSTON (AP)—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis appeared convinced that idleness breeds

nothing but rustiness as he prepared today to undertake the long series of monthly title defenses mapped out for him for the remainder of the indoor boxing season.

The Brown Bomber, just back from the fourth lengthy vacation he has given himself since he gained his title from Jimmy Braddock in 1937, renewed his fistie operations against the much smaller Al McCoy of Boston last night before a 13,334 crowd at the Boston Garden.

It took the iron-fisted champion, who had a weight advantage of more than 21 pounds, five rounds to damage McCoy, an over-stuffed light heavyweight, to the point where the challenger's handlers decided he had taken enough punishment.

McCoy balked at first, for his only noticeable injury was a closed left eye, but finally was prevailed upon to ignore the bell that sounded for the sixth round, thereby giving Louis a technical knockout verdict.

LEFT DOES DAMAGE

During most of the action, McCoy's shifty style prevented the stalking Louis from doing much damage with his deadly right. Twice during the abbreviated engagement, originally listed for 15 rounds, the champion, who weighed 202½ to McCoy's 180½, did land his famed right fist in bone-crushing fashion.

City Council Topics

Variety Theatre
And 20 Lots Sold

A total of 20 lots were included in \$14,600 worth of property sold by the City Council yesterday on the recommendation of the lands committee. The location of the properties and the amounts they brought follow: A lot on the west of Blackwood between Kings Road and Bay Street, \$50; others on the southwest corner of Richardson and Cook, \$1,000; five on the south of Humboldt to Southgate, between Vancouver and Rupert Street, \$1,375; property on the west of Cook between Richardson and Collinson, \$500; a lot on the northeast corner of Cook and May, \$500 on terms; another on the west of Prior between Topaz and Vista Heights, \$150; another on the south of Kings Road between Mount Stephen and Cedar Hill Rd., \$175; a section of a lot on the northeast corner of Ross and St. Charles, \$150; property on the north of May between Linden Avenue and Howe Street, \$1,250; a lot on the south of Hollywood Crescent between Wildwood and Ross, \$800 on terms; another property on an unnamed street near Windermere, \$100. Another on the south of Princess Avenue between Blanshard and Quadra, \$75.

Purchase of the old Variety Theatre under clauses of the present lease, for \$8,500 on terms existing between the city and the Seven Up (B.C.) Limited, was approved.

The objection of the Loyal Orange Association, Victoria County Lodge, to the Bishop of Victoria's request to the City Council for funds to assist St. Joseph's Hospital was referred to next year's estimates committee.

The British Columbia Historical Association's letter urging maintenance of historic buildings in Victoria was turned over to the health and lands committees. In answer to the communication the mayor had previously asked for a list of properties of historic interest. The association letter was prompted by the recent demolition order covering the old Begbie home.

Letters from the Henry George Club suggesting elimination of taxation on houses as a means of relieving the housing scarcity, and one from the Real Estate Board of Victoria vouching co-operation in efforts by the city to relieve that condition, were passed on to the lands committee.

After a sharp conflict, the council endorsed a relief committee's report calling for a new heating and ventilating system for the welfare office. The council approved new proposals covering medical treatment of relief cases on a sliding scale which would save Victoria money, and authorized an increase in the relief office chief clerk's salary to put him slightly above the wage of men who worked under him. Copies of the special report drawn up by H. Watson on the relief office when reorganization there was suggested, were ordered prepared for each alderman. The condition which created the call for reorganization had been largely eliminated through six of the employees leaving the service, for war duties and other work, it was explained.

Construction of a \$336 sidewalk on Jutland Road, running up from the Gorge Road, to provide protection for children of Burnside School, was approved on the recommendation of the public works committee. That group also won support for a survey of all city sidewalks by the engineer, for \$200 worth of crushed rock surfacing for a lane east of Richmond Avenue, and for an \$85 sidewalk on Lee Avenue. Plans for the proposed construction of new quarters for the Veterans' Sightseeing and Transportation Company were called to see they conformed with the zoning by-law covering the area in question. An investigation of road and sidewalk conditions on Southgate Street between Rupert and Vancouver was ordered.

The invitation of the Civic Employees' Protective Association to attend its Christmas Party to night in the Sons of England Hall was accepted.

The city solicitor, health officer, engineer and lands commissioner were asked to deal with a protest from C. D. Neroutsos over the zoning of a section of Joan Crescent.

In order that they may blend with their surroundings, the black male ostrich sits on the eggs at night, and the grey female in daytime.

The sloth's only mode of travel is by swinging along, hand-over-hand, hanging upside down from the tree branches.

Bid Au Revoir
To Ald. Hawkins

The City Council yesterday afternoon bade an official au revoir to Alderman T. W. Hawkins, defeated candidate in last Thursday's civic elections, wished him an active and enjoyable year outside the board and hoped he would return to serve again in 1942.

Each in turn paid tribute to his abilities, the mayor topping off the eulogies with high praise for Alderman Hawkins' unsung benefactions.

It was the last meeting of the year. Mayor McGavin invited "the boys" to say their pieces, and the oratory flowed. One by one they declared there were no grudges in their hearts for other members of the council. Fights there had been, they admitted, but they were unavoidable in the natural differences of view which found expression as each strove his best for the welfare of the city. All agreed they were just one big, happy family. That's what they said. And they all wished each other, their respective wives and the citizens at large a happy Christmas and prosperous new year.

SENIOR SPEAKS

Alderman R. A. C. Dewar, senior member of the council, opened the tributes, praising the mayor and council for the co-operation shown throughout the year.

He was sorry, he said, to see the city lose the services of Alderman Hawkins, but hoped the experienced man would succeed him.

Alderman Archie Willis spoke in similar vein, mentioning he had differed with others on matters of policy and would continue to differ without malice when he thought he was in the right. He spoke of the war in Britain, noting personal losses which brought it close to home.

Alderman Ed Williams voiced his appreciation of the association he had enjoyed on the council, considered the year a highly successful one and invited the council members to his "at home" on Christmas morning.

Alderman W. L. Morgan stressed the point all, despite their differences, had worked for the good of the taxpayers and invited the council to a dinner in the new year.

Alderman John A. Worthington regretted his inability to serve the full year, owing to a summer illness, but stated his term had been enjoyable and that he had found happiness in his work for the city. He called for a continued spirit of co-operation similar to that which had yielded great results in advancing the Lord Mayor's Fund.

MAYOR PAYS TRIBUTE

In turn Alderman B. J. Gadsden, W. H. Davies and D. D. McTavish endorsed the sentiments of previous speakers before the mayor addressed himself directly to Alderman Hawkins.

He appreciated the co-operation of the council as a whole, he said, but particularly had he noted the conscientious, untiring work of Alderman Hawkins.

"You have saved the city many, many dollars about which the citizens do not know," the mayor said before reciting the various manners in which that had been accomplished.

He urged Alderman Hawkins to seek return in the future, and presented to him a picture of the council from his fellow-aldermen.

Alderman Hawkins replied suitably, declaring he had enjoyed his work, had no complaints over the decision of the electorate and realized his fault lay mainly in the fact he was a one-man committee. He was a lone worker through training and he had had to shun publicity on certain matters in order to secure the best results for the city, he said.

Closing, he asked the council to be his guests at dinner on Friday.

On a motion by Alderman Williams a letter was ordered sent to Alderman S. H. Okell, hoping for his speedy recovery and expressing the council's appreciation of his work during the year.

Cold Snap Over...
Butterflies Arrive

True or false? Did a butterfly light on the breakfast table of a member of the Times staff this morning?

True. Believe it or not, this was no moth.

The pretty little fellow was

THESE WOMEN!



"Humph! I could've told him weeks ago what he's accusing her of now for the first time!"

No Night Parking
At Beacon Hill

Beacon Hill Park is a park—not a parking lot—the City Council decided yesterday afternoon as it voted down a plan to close the roads within the park to vehicular traffic at night, and then established no parking regulations for the interior roads from evening until early morning.

Closing the roads entirely, a proposed move which brought a letter of criticism from the Victoria Automobile Club, was too drastic an action, the council decided as it supported Alderman Ed. Williams' compromise suggestion aimed at halting vehicular loitering and improper use of the area when darkness falls.

The need for some procedure was emphasized in the discussion on the issue by Alderman Burgess J. Gadsden, pinch-hitting for Alderman S. H. Okell, parks board chairman, who was absent through illness.

He was supported by W. H. Warren, parks superintendent. Mr. Warren declared some policy would have to be adopted to prevent vandalism and the general nuisance of parked cars. With the latter, he added, police could not interfere, owing to the lack of legislation covering that matter.

He contended lawns and park property generally suffered from the irresponsible driving of those who ignored regular roads and traveled in cars, into the broom and over the grass.

NUMEROUS THEFTS

As a third point he mentioned the theft of nursery and livestock, stating a number of plants and shrubs had been stolen and destroyed, and that early morning hunters were killing pheasants. One deer had been killed, he said. During the last four years 20 cygnets had disappeared, with theft the only explanation.

If it were economically impossible to police the park properly, the interior roads should be closed at night, he thought. Alderman Williams brought in his no-parking suggestion, proposing that it be enforced during the hours the earlier resolution would have closed the park. They were from 7 in the evening until 7 in the morning in the winter, from 8 until 7 in the spring and fall, and from 10 at night until 7 in the morning in summer.

Alderman W. L. Morgan, R. A. C. Dewar and Archie Willis all gave support to the no-parking plan which was introduced as an amendment and carried eventually without dissent.

On the parks committee's recommendation an amendment was ordered to the pound by-law prohibiting the trespass of cattle on private or city land, and authority was given the parks superintendent to assist officials at the Gordon Head training camp to lay out a landscaping scheme there.

Superannuation of R. Bury from the parks department was authorized, provided a written letter was received from him seeking that action.

Tenders were called for the refreshment concession at the Athletic Park.

Many persons suppose the sting of a bee to benefit certain ailments. In Germany, bee-sting secretion can be bought in capsules.

Contrary to frequent statements, sharks do not have to turn on their backs when seizing their prey.

World's most congested traffic area is the Place de l'Opera, Paris; Park Avenue and 57th Street, New York City, ranks second.

deep cream in color, mottled and streaked with blue. It had a "wing-spread" of nearly two inches.

Motor power not easy to determine.

By d'Alessio

Esquimalt Bus
Route Discussed

At a meeting of the Esquimalt Council, seven residents of the Bewdley Avenue district, and George M. Tripp, general superintendent of the B.C. Electric Railway Company Limited, last night in the Esquimalt municipal hall, the question of increased feeder bus service in the municipality was discussed and a committee formed to meet A. T. Goward, vice-president of the transportation company, to go into the matter further.

Appointed to the committee from the council were Councillors Albert Heald and Thomas Hadfield. R. Butler, 951 Clent Street, was named to represent the delegation of residents.

Members of the delegation pointed out the present feeder bus service in the municipality did not go far enough down Admirals Road towards the waterfront. A new route was proposed to leave the naval barracks, go along Admirals Road to Lyall, to Armit, to Monro, where it would contact Macaulay Point barracks, to Anson, to Bewdley, to Peters, to Lyall, to Gore, to Head and to connect with the street car line on Esquimalt Road. The present route follows Admirals Road to Lyall, along Lyall to Gore, to Head to Esquimalt Road.

Mr. Tripp explained the timing of street cars had to be taken into consideration. Buses along the proposed route would not connect with the street cars like the present system did.

"We want to do everything we can for the residents of Esquimalt," the transportation company official said. "But financial results of the present system have not been satisfactory."

One of the delegates suggested an extra bus at busy times would solve the problem. The bus could meet every third street car instead of every second car as it did at the present, and could go as far as Bewdley Avenue, he said.

Mr. Tripp pointed out that the suggestion would necessitate another bus and the company was not operating with too great a stability, it no longer having a franchise in the city.

Councillor Heald suggested the company run a special bus three or four times a day direct from the Bewdley Avenue district to the city by way of Johnson Street Bridge. The idea might be considered, Mr. Tripp said.

Getting away from the subject, several members of the delegation and council complained that street cars had such large loads at various times during the day, people were left standing on the street.

Councillor Fred. Eaton asked if the company reserved old equipment for the Esquimalt run, to which Mr. Tripp replied in the negative.

"Do you have special cars for late Saturday nights?" the councillor asked.

"No," Mr. Tripp replied.

"Can't you stop smoking in the street cars?" a delegate asked.

"I'm afraid that would cause quite a rumpus," the company representative said.

Adding to Italy's food worries has been a shortage of tin plate, as a result of which, reports say, much food deteriorated last spring while awaiting canning.

Production of synthetic rubber last year was about 75,000 tons, of which the United States produced less than 3,000, Germany and Russia the rest.

Came along its directors had asked the city not to make its appeal. Then it had declined a grant, he added, stating he was in favor of a direct appeal to the public.

90—"Always Too Busy to Marry"



JOHN DEAN

John Dean, who has had his grave waiting for him at Ross Bay for several years, is today celebrating his 90th birthday.

Hale and hearty, this amazing, bearded old gentleman, whose sight is unimpaired and whose memory is remarkable, is still enjoying life, although he says he doesn't want to live to reach the century mark.

Mr. Dean had his grave constructed some years ago and the inscription is there, just waiting to have the date of death filled in. The inscription reads: "It's a rotten world, artful politicians are its bane; its saving graces are the wonders of the sky and the artlessness of little children."

He has no reason to change his mind in that regard. The older he gets, he says, the more he believes the sky and children's artlessness are the most beautiful things in life.

TOO BUSY TO MARRY

He has never married, and he doesn't regret it, but, asked if anyone should marry, he replied: "It's the only thing in life. If there is any chance of being happy in life, it's by being married, with youngsters. But I was always too busy traveling."

For his 90th milestone, Mr. Dean has written the following message: "I have not smoked or drunk intoxicating liquors for 33 years and have always walked a great deal. I now walk two to four miles every day, most of it at supper time, to avoid murdering motor cars. I am beginning to be forgetful, which I greatly regret."

"Now, can I offer you a drink, but you would be much better without it," he said to a Times reporter who called on him yesterday.

Mr. Dean lives at "Seascope," 752 Head Street, Esquimalt, in a rambling house on top of rocks, overlooking the Straits and the Olympics. The walls of every room are covered with pictures. There are photographs of President Roosevelt, Neville Chamberlain, Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, David Lloyd George, the King and Queen. On the walls of the sun porch are wooden shoes from France, soldiers' helmets, a German axe and shovel, which he found in the trenches after the last war. From Cairo he brought home a red fez, which he has hanging on a pair of buffalo horns from the Far North. There are pictures he took himself of famous spots in

the Old World. In one picture he is standing in front of the Sphinx and the Pyramid of Gizeh; in another he is in the midst of some ancient ruins in Rome.

Mr. Dean hasn't much use for politicians, as witness his tombstone. Two or three times he has tried to be Mayor of Victoria, so that he could inaugurate a city manager plan. Years ago he was Mayor of Rossland. He thinks Esquimalt doesn't get a fair deal from the federal government, so he has just finished addressing and stamping 250 letters to members of the House of Commons, but quite frankly admits he does not expect they will do any good.

PARENTS DIED YOUNG

Born in Cheshire, England, December 17, 1850, Mr. Dean's parents both died before they were 29. When he was 34 he came to Canada and has never regretted the move.

Now that he is getting on in years he takes good care of himself. Several hours each day he works at his littered desk. Promptly at 2 each afternoon he goes to bed and stays there two hours. He watches his diet, ignoring meat, except on rare occasions, living mostly on vegetables, milk and bread.

"Oh, yes, I have lots of aches and pains, but I manage to get by," he says. "I'm going to stay away from hospitals and doctors as long as I can. The doctor says I should be in hospital now, but I don't know why."

"I never went to school after I was 12—I went to work, that is why I am so long-lived. And I've worked ever since and taken lots of outdoor exercise."

Victoria and Esquimalt would not be quite the same without John Dean—and so many hundreds of people are today saying "Happy birthday, Mr. Dean, and many happy returns of the day."

Holiday Events
Planned at Y

In the Y.M.C.A. Christmas and New Year program announcement is made of activities during the holiday season.

Features of the program are the annual Christmas dinner party tomorrow night at 6.15, and the party and dance to be held New Year's Eve. The dance, which is arranged especially for young people, will take place from 9 to 2.

On New Year's Day, the annual "at home" and open house will be held from 2 to 5. Afternoon tea will be served and special music, arranged by Mrs. W. A. Jameson, will be rendered during the afternoon. Exhibitions of volleyball, badminton, regular class procedure and interclub relays, advanced apparatus work and basketball will be given. The swimming pool will be open and supervised by members of the Senior Swimming Club between 3.30 and 4.30.

The entire program for the holiday season follows:

December 16, Toast Night for public speaking class at 6.30; December 17, annual Christmas dinner at 6.15; December 19, Phalanx Club dinner at 6; December 20, boys' clubs' entertainment at 7.30; December 22, Sunday evening sing-song at 9, in charge of St. Mary's Y.P.S.; December 23, boys' special swim frolic at 4.30; December 26, gym and pool, open to men in uniform, 9 to 5; "Round Robin" games tournament at 2.30; Swimming Club gala and social at 7.15; December 27, Prep supper and entertainment at 5.30; December 28, Junior Leader Corps luncheon at 12.15; Decem-

No Patronage in
Trade Commission

There was no patronage system in the Department of Trade and Industry's work of securing business for British Columbia firms in Ottawa, W. Lloyd Craig, trade commissioner, told members of the Chamber of Commerce at their quarterly meeting in Spencer's yesterday.

"When a purchasing agent in Ottawa asks for information regarding industrial companies of the province we tell them we don't care who they buy from just as long as they buy in B.C.," Mr. Craig said.

When the British Columbia bureau was first set up in Ottawa about a year ago, purchasing agents were dubious in their minds whether a land so far away as British Columbia could supply them satisfactorily. That thought had been wiped away.

"British Columbia firms are recognized now as being capable of doing as good a job as any company in Canada, and, in fact, the whole United Kingdom," the commissioner declared.

British Columbia companies were successfully competing in open market with eastern Canadian firms after purchasing raw materials in Ontario, bringing them to the province, making the products, and shipping them east again.

"Whether or not this will be possible to do during peace time is for the manufacturer to say," he said.

Mr. Craig advised manufacturers in bidding for a contract to bid on their capacity of production even though the contract asked for a larger amount.

At the end of August, British Columbia had been given close to \$25,000,000 of business in war contracts, the speaker continued. Since the end of August contracts awarded had been much heavier than they had been in the three previous months.

B.C. will have had a good share of business when figures are made public, some time around February, Mr. Craig said.

Mr. Craig urged all manufacturers to make use of the offices which had been set up in Ottawa by the Department of Trade and Industry for securing war contracts. Service was supplied free of charge.

B.C. was the first province to set up a trade commission office in the Dominion capital. Quebec came next, then Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick.

Duncan MacBride, president of the chamber, reviewed in brief activities of the organization during the past three months. Chief objective of the chamber, he said, was to help in the successful prosecution of the war.

Main objective in this line was reaching of the war savings campaign objective of \$124,000 a month for Greater Victoria.

R. W. Mayhew, M.P., was welcomed to the meeting by Mr. MacBride.

DESCRIBES YUKON
TO GYRO MEMBERS

Taking his audience on an imaginary tour through the Yukon to Dawson City, Gerald A. Yardley, collector of customs in Victoria, gave a graphic description of that territory to members of the Gyro Club yesterday at the Empress Hotel.

Interspersing his address with true incidents of early Yukon days, the speaker told of the country one would expect in the north. Perhaps the most interesting part of Yukon traveling is the trips made in the river boats up and down swiftly-flowing rivers. Particular skill and courage is needed by the pilots in guiding these craft, which sometimes sweep along at over 30 miles an hour.

At times, the boats did get stuck on a sand bar, and in such a case two large timbers or "spuds," which are placed on either side of the bow, are pushed down onto the sand, lifting the boat. By means of the paddle wheel, the boat is "stepped" over the sand.

Mr. Yardley's description of Dawson dealt mainly with the finding of gold and the subsequent life during the gold rush days. He noted that in the eight years after its discovery over \$100,000,000 worth of gold was taken from the area around Dawson.

Mr. Yardley was introduced by William Hudson and thanked by Arthur Minnis.

Kilauea, volcanic crater on the island of Hawaii, has a crater nine miles in circumference.

The largest birds living today are about 160,000 times larger than the smallest.

ber 29, Sunday evening sing-song at 9, in charge of Parkdale Y.P.S.; December 30, Interclash volleyball tournament at 7; December 31, New Year's Eve party at 9; January 1, Open House at 2; January 3, city-wide Hi-Y supper at 6.

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There are still plenty of tangerine oranges available for Christmas. Wholesalers reported this morning that the city's supply is not sold out as yet. Two carloads of California regular oranges arrived over the weekend.

Cranberries are cleaning up nicely, but there will be ample for Christmas and New Year's. The next banana shipment is due Saturday.

A large quantity of good quality California celery is on the market. The first shipment of Imperial Valley lettuce is also in. It is reported that No. 2 potatoes will advance in price some time this week. A small shipment of Texas spinach has just arrived.

The proprietor of the Horse Shoe Newsstand reported to city police that his shop door was open this morning and that he had found \$10.80 missing from the till.



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Borrowed Boat, Did Not Steal

A partnership row which sent one of the partners to jail for seven days on an assault conviction and led to a theft charge against the other, ended in County Court here today with the acquittal of Rudolph Walter Muggli, charged with the theft.

The case brought into court Mrs. Muggli and her 19-year-old son and covered relationships between the Mugglis and Nelson Robert Watkins, all of Galliano Island.

Evidence disclosed the Mugglis had gone to Galliano to live with Watkins, a widower, and the two men had entered various arrangements over ownership of second-hand boats and engines.

Disputes finally led to a fight between the two which sent Watkins to jail for seven days. On the day he left for Victoria to serve his term, Muggli took the boat owned by Watkins from its Montague Harbor anchorage and went to Ganges Harbor to see his wife, who was in the hospital, defence testimony disclosed. On the return Muggli, traveling alone, had lashed the Watkins boat to a larger fishboat and the two had proceeded from Ganges. In a storm the smaller boat broke away while the accused was in the other craft. Search by Muggli failed to find it. Muggli contained previous partnership arrangements entitled him to use the boat.

M. B. Jackson, K.C., for the crown, contended no such rights existed when Muggli had laid the information which sent Watkins to jail and that the accused had taken property which did not belong to him.

Frederick C. Aubrey, for the defence, argued Muggli had just borrowed the boat to visit his wife and had had no intention of depriving Watkins of ownership. Judge H. H. Shandley found intent lacking and dismissed the case with a warning to Muggli not to take other people's property in future.

STUART HENDERSON MAY BE MADE K.C.

Stuart Henderson, veteran Victoria criminal lawyer, who has successfully defended more than two score men accused of murder, may in the later years of his career be honored by being made a King's Counsel.

Mr. Henderson's name is mentioned as a probability among 15 B.C. lawyers who will be chosen by Attorney-General Wismer for the K.C. recognition within the next week. Mr. Henderson is 77.

Mr. Wismer is now preparing the list which will be announced before Christmas. During his tenure as Attorney-General Mr. Wismer is permitted to appoint 15 K.C.s.

Another Victorian likely to get the honor is W. T. Strahl, a member of the Legislature for Victoria.

Col. Eric Pepler, Deputy Attorney-General, and J. P. Hogg, legislative counsel, in the government service, are said to be slated for the honor, which customarily goes with their positions.

Protest Drafted

BERNE (AP)—President Marcel Pilet-Golaz told the Federal Council this evening that information received so far indicated that planes which dropped bombs on Basel early today were probably British, and said that as soon as this point had been definitely established the council would "make an energetic protest to London asking for reparations."

In Egypt Battle

AUCKLAND, N.Z. (CP) Major-General Bernard Freyberg, V.C., commander of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, has cabled the government that New Zealand troops have been in action in the Egyptian western desert.

New Zealanders engaged included divisional signals, petrol and ammunition companies, a supply column of the army service corps, and a reserve motor transport company. The fourth brigade group was held in reserve.

11 Killed, 2 Missing

CINCINNATI — It was confirmed this afternoon that 11 persons lost their lives when an explosion wrecked a three-story downtown building here this morning, blasting members of four families out of their beds. Two persons are missing.

B.C. Logger Killed

CHILLIWACK (CP) — John Sundin, 43, employee of the Vedder Logging Co. for the past nine years, was instantly killed when struck on the head by a falling tree branch here Monday.

TOWN TOPICS

A permit for a \$3,800 five-room home at 58 Lotus Avenue was issued today by the city building inspector's department to Andrew Stewart. H. V. Wilkinson is listed as contractor.

Tonight, at First Baptist Church, at 8 A. W. Arnup, vice president, will address the weekly public meeting of the Victoria British-Israel Association on "Things Yet to Come," an outline of unfulfilled prophecies of the Bible.

Ward Five Liberal Association annual Christmas tree and entertainment will be held tomorrow at 7.30 in Liberal headquarters. A good program has been arranged and the usual gifts will be given to the children. Refreshments will be served by the ladies.

Mrs. F. H. Stewart, 225 Quebec Street, a pedestrian, suffered bruises to her right leg when she was struck by a car driven by Mrs. Mary Hogarth, 2883 Park View Road, last evening at Blanshard and Yates Streets, according to a city police report. Mrs. Stewart was taken to the station and from there was taken home by Constable Sam McKenzie.

The Thursday evening practices of St. John Ambulance women volunteers, under the direction of Mrs. E. E. Thorn, have been discontinued until after the New Year. They will resume on January 9 in the Memorial Hall, Rockland Avenue entrance. The members are grateful to the management of the Hotel Douglas for allowing the free use of the hotel basement for the practices in the last few months.

MOTORISTS FINED \$127 IN CITY COURT

In City Police Court this morning fines amounting to \$127.50 were imposed on motorists.

Don A. Cook and Evelyn Halminen entered pleas of guilty to charges of dangerous driving and were fined \$30 and \$35, respectively, by Magistrate Henry Hall. Testimony showed where Cook had collided with a parked car on Yates Street, causing damage to both machines, on December 12, and that Miss Halminen had climbed the curb and struck a lamp post with her car on December 3 at Pembroke and Douglas Streets.

No less than 15 car drivers contributed \$2.50 each for parking violations. One was fined \$10 for speeding through a school zone, another the same for going over 30 miles an hour in the city, and another \$5 for not heeding a stop sign.

TO ARRANGE FOR CONTEST CARAVAN

A meeting of the home light contest committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce this afternoon is making final arrangements for the route of the motor caravan on Friday night which will view the displays.

Arrangements will be announced tomorrow by Norman Foster, secretary of the chamber. Nearly 30 entries have been received for the contest to date and more are expected before the end of the week, which will make the contest one of the largest held here.

Officials in charge expected difficulty in arranging the caravan as displays are spread out in Esquimalt, Saanich, Oak Bay and the city.

Pleads Guilty On Defence Charge

With the explanation "I forgot about it," Theresa Bombardier, an Italian woman, pleaded guilty in City Police Court today to a charge that, being an enemy alien on parole from internment, she failed to report monthly to a registrar of enemy aliens, a condition upon which she was permitted to be at liberty. She was charged under the Defence of Canada Regulations.

The case was remanded to tomorrow by Magistrate Henry Hall in order to ascertain the circumstances of the case.

Christmas Party

Fifty members of the Dickens Fellowship gathered in the clubrooms, in the Union Building, last night for their annual Christmas party.

Capt. Wilfrid Ord, president, was master of ceremonies, and gave two readings from "Christmas Carol" and "Sketches from Boz."

Singing of carols was enjoyed with Mrs. D. White at the piano. Women members of the club served refreshments.

When passing the sea-bird sanctuary on the Gaspé Peninsula, steamers silence their whistles lest they scare the birds.

Victoria May Get \$10,000

The provincial government's new \$250,000 special educational grant probably will be divided among municipalities and school districts according to the number of teachers employed in each, it was learned in government circles today.

The cabinet is expected to decide the division policy shortly so municipalities can be advised of what grant to anticipate well in advance of preparing their 1941 budgets. In 1942 the grant increases to \$450,000.

It is understood the division will be made on one of two bases; either according to teachers, or according to the distribution of pupils.

The teacher plan has the most support. With about 4,000 teachers in the province this would work out at a grant of about \$60 for each teacher employed.

Under this scheme the smaller rural district would get a larger proportion of the grant than they would if it were divided according to pupils. This occurs because in some rural areas a teacher will have only 15 or 20 pupils where in the big urban areas teachers have as many as 30 and 40 pupils each.

The new grant, it was learned, has no relation to the regular teacher salary grants by the government, which are allocated according to salary scales, and assessment ratios.

On a basis of \$60 per teacher it is expected Victoria's grant would run between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

CHINESE OPIUM TRIAL CONCLUDES

The trial of Lee June, Lum Wah, Joe Kam, Chow How Chong and Tom Choy, charged with being in possession of opium, was concluded in City Police Court this morning and they were remanded until tomorrow for judgment by Magistrate Henry C. Hall.

This has been one of the longest trials held in the city court. It took up eight court sessions spread over several weeks. Herb W. Davey acted for the Crown. M. B. Jackson, K.C., handled the defence of Chong, Choy and June, all of whom pleaded not guilty. J. S. Brandon was defence counsel for Kam, who also pleaded not guilty. Wah, who entered a plea of guilty, was not defended.

MISSION HOSPITAL WORK DESCRIBED

The work and background of the Nootka Mission Hospital at Ceepeece on the west coast of Vancouver Island was told by Dr. H. A. McLean, medical missionary, at a meeting held under the auspices of the Shantymen's Christian Association last night in the Y.W.C.A.

Pictures illustrated the lecture. The mission hospital was started in 1937 with a small shack. It now embraced a three-story building with wards, operating room, chapel and dining-hall.

The hospital served the needs of 1,500 miners, loggers and fishermen of the isolated west coast districts.

Mrs. McLean, wife of the doctor, spoke briefly, stressing the fact of the value of the hospital lay in the spreading of the Christian Gospel.

Percy Wills conducted a devotional service during the meeting.

Scotties Arrive On Christmas Leave

In rollicking good spirits, more than 100 local soldiers—stationed in Nova Scotia for the last two months with the 1st Battalion, Canadian Scottish Regiment—trooped ashore from the Vancouver boat this afternoon into the arms of wives, mothers, children and sweethearts.

They were on Christmas leave and will be here until after Christmas. They have been given six days' special holidays and the regular two weeks' leave after serving more than six months.

In special cars they reached the C.N.R. terminal in Vancouver this morning and transferred immediately to St. Princess Marguerite for Victoria. They were five nights on the train coming across the continent.

Lieuts. R. V. D. Guthrie and Allan B. Morkill of the Scottish reached Victoria yesterday and were met in Vancouver by their wives.

This morning, Lieut. Morkill visited the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Cormorant and Douglas Streets, where he was manager until he joined up, and conversed with many friends on the streets, receiving a warm welcome home.

OBITUARY

SIMON—Canon E. V. Bird held services at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel yesterday for Gerald Simon. Pallbearers: R. Greenwood, J. S. Brown, W. H. Billing, W. M. Stewart, R. Munro and W. Chipping.

JOWITT—Very Rev. S. H. Elliott, Dean of Columbia, conducted the funeral of Joseph Edwin Jowitt yesterday in Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel. Pallbearers: William H. Hawthorn, A. E. G. Cornwall, H. W. Dearman and S. J. Aspinwall.

EARL—Rev. George Biddle will conduct last rites for Mrs. Annie Earl at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel tomorrow at 2.

WOODWARD—Funeral services were held yesterday in McCall Bros' Funeral Chapel for Daniel Woodward. Rev. Canon R. J. Pierce conducted the service. Pallbearers: W. N. Lenfesty, E. Bray, A. H. Shotbolt and T. W. Walker.

KEELER—Funeral services for Richard Keeler took place yesterday from Sands' Mortuary Ltd. Rev. George Biddle conducted the service. Pallbearers: V. Thomas, T. C. Harris, F. Schroeder, William McGregor, W. F. Howell and R. Lancelot.

VIVIAN—Philip Vivian of 2621 Shakespeare Street died at his home yesterday after a long illness, aged 89. He was born at Salcombe, Devon, England, and moved to this city 30 years ago from Cranbrook. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 3.30 from the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home. It is specially requested that no flowers be sent.

FOWLES—Funeral service for George Harold Fowles will be held tomorrow at 1.30 in the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home. Rev. C. D. Clarke will officiate. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

MURTON—The funeral of George Henry Murton will be held from the S. J. Curry and Son Funeral Home on Thursday at 3.30.

THOMAS—Jane Thomas, aged 87 years, widow of the late John Thomas of 1354 Pandora Avenue, died this morning. Born in Wales, she had lived in Victoria 19 years. Funeral will be conducted by Rev. Hugh McLeod on Thursday afternoon from McCall Bros' Funeral Chapel at 2.

ELLIOTT—E. J. Elliott, former chief of police of Winnipeg, died yesterday at the Vancouver home of his daughter, Mrs. Austin Taylor. He had lived in Vancouver 18 years. Another daughter, Mrs. Victor W. Wright, lives in Edmonton.

CHANGE OF NAME FEE SET AT \$10

It will cost a person \$10 to register a change of name, required by law under new legislation passed at the last session of the Legislature.

Fees were prescribed by provincial order today. The \$10 fee includes filing of the application, the advertising in the provincial gazette and issuing of a certificate.

Search fees are set at 50 cents for a record going back three years and \$2 for more than three years. A new certificate costs 50 cents.

Under the Change of Name Act any person who has altered a name within the last 20 years must register.

It was explained one of the objects of the act is to uncover fifth columnists or other aliens who have changed to Anglo-Saxon names since the last war.

Victoria Men Leave For R.C.A.F. Duties

Two more Victoria men have left to start their training with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Francis B. Gregory, 21, second son of the late Mr. Justice F. B. Gregory and Mrs. Gregory, 1048 Craigdarroch Road, and Jack Finlayson, 25, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Finlayson, 1040 Craigdarroch, are today en route to eastern centres to don their uniforms and train for the day when they will battle Hitler's raiders over European skies.

Gregory was born in Victoria and attended Shewanigan Lake and St. Michael's School and the University of British Columbia. In recent years he has been with the Bank of Montreal in Vancouver. During the last week he has been visiting his mother.

Finlayson was born in Alberta and came here 11 years ago, attending Sir James Douglas and Victoria High Schools.

The annual Kiwanis Club Christmas Luncheon and frolic was held today in the Empress Hotel. Proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted jointly to purchasing toys for the children at the Solarium at Christmas and to the Kiwanis charity fund. Arthur Dowell and Murray Martindale were in charge. Darrell Spence presided.

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B.C. Parks Cover 6,400,000 Acres

British Columbia now has upwards of 10,000 square miles, or about 6,400,000 acres of forests, lakes, mountains and streams set aside as public parks.

This was revealed when the forest branch announced today a reclassification of 38 provincial parks for administration purposes.

They are divided into three classes, A, B and C. A class parks are those set aside exclusively for the public use, from which no timber or land may be alienated. In B class parks a wider scope is allowed, concessions may be granted and parts alienated if it is thought advisable. C class parks are small localized areas administered by local boards.

Following is the list of parks now classified:

A class: Mount Assiniboine, Kananis Glacier, Nakusp Hot Springs, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, Keremeos Columns, Mount Seymour, Peace Arch, Silver Star, Chasm and John Dean.

B class: Sooke Mountain, Tweedsmuir and Wells Gray.

C class: Salt Lake, White Rock, Lockhart Beach, Beaton, King George VI, Mara Recreation, Mount Bruce, Testalinda, Manitou, Princeton, Westview, Strombeck, Swan Lake, Westbank, Mount Maxwell, Oliver, Elk River (Fernie), Inonaklin, Nakusp Recreation, Dean, Man's Island, Clearwater, Brentwood Bay, Crescent Beach, Osoyoos and Premier Lake.

In addition to these five Vancouver Island park areas, not yet formally constituted, have yet to be classified. They are Little Qualicum, Englishman River, Elk Falls, Stamp River and Medicine Bowls.

Text Book Industry Worth \$76,000 to B.C.

A secondary industry worth \$76,000 last year has been started in British Columbia by a requirement of the Department of Education that a portion of textbook printing work be done within the province. Hon. G. M. Weir, Minister of Education, said today. This may be increased next year, he said.

The textbook printing carried out under this plan by a Vancouver firm covers 29 different books, the minister said. They totaled 135,000 copies.

Dr. Weir explained that the new policy has brought a substantial portion of the printing to this province. Every year the textbook branch buys between \$300,000 and \$400,000 worth of books from eastern publishers.

Publishers have previously maintained that the work could not be done in B.C. but the department laid down the policy that as much as possible of the work should be done here. Publishers let the sub-contracts for printing.

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Announcements

DEATHS

THURSDAY—On December 15, 1940, James Smith, of 1110 Prince Avenue, aged 64 years, died in Victoria, the son of the late William and Martha Smith of Manchester, England. His wife predeceased him in 1900 and he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. R. B. Baxter, 1240 Bell Avenue; Mrs. Lillian Smith, teacher at Oaklands School; and Mrs. Gertrude Smith, at home; one son, Dr. Ralph W. Smith, of the Victoria, B.C., and one daughter, Mrs. Lillian Smith, of the Victoria, B.C. Funeral services will be held at the Victoria Funeral Home, 1240 Bell Avenue, on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Rev. George Riddle officiating. Interment in the family plot in Royal Oak Cemetery.

THOMAS—In this city on Tuesday morning, Jane Thomas, aged 78 years, widow of the late John Thomas of 134 Pandora Avenue. The late Mrs. Thomas was born in Wales and had been a resident of this city for the last 18 years. She is survived by three sons, Maurice and Ralph Baxter; also one daughter and four brothers of this city. Funeral from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Rev. George Riddle officiating. Interment in the family plot in Royal Oak Cemetery.

MURTON—After a lengthy illness there passed away Sunday, December 15, in this city, George Henry Murton, who was 78 years of age. Mr. Murton was born at South Sea, Mar. 18, and had resided in this city and district for over 30 years. He was survived by eight nieces and three nephews.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Victoria Funeral Home, 1240 Bell Avenue. Rev. J. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, 1240 Bell Avenue, will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Cemetery.

VIVIAN—At the family residence, 2621 Shakespeare Street, there passed away Monday, December 16, Philip Vivian, at the age of 89 years. Born at Balcombe, Devon, England, the late Mr. Vivian moved to this city 20 years ago from Cranbrook, B.C. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Vivian, nee Philip, at the family residence.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Victoria Funeral Home, 1240 Bell Avenue. Rev. J. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, 1240 Bell Avenue, will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Cemetery.

POWELL—After a very short illness there passed away Sunday, December 15, in this city, George Harold Powell of 370 Beach Drive. The late Mr. Powell, who was 43 years of age, was born in Vancouver and came to this city two years ago. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. E. C. Powell, 370 Beach Drive; two brothers, Dr. E. C. Powell, in this city, and Frank W. Powell, also two sisters, Mrs. W. Caldwell, Prentice, Ont., and Mrs. W. Daw, in this city.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the Victoria Funeral Home, 1240 Bell Avenue. Rev. J. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, 1240 Bell Avenue, will officiate and the remains will be laid to rest in the Royal Oak Cemetery.

Announcements (Continued)

DEATHS

TUMILTY—Alice Smith Tumilty, aged 66 years, passed away yesterday at her home, 90 Oak Street, Galt, Ont. She is survived by her husband, one son, Tom, and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Tumilty of this city, also several nieces and nephews.

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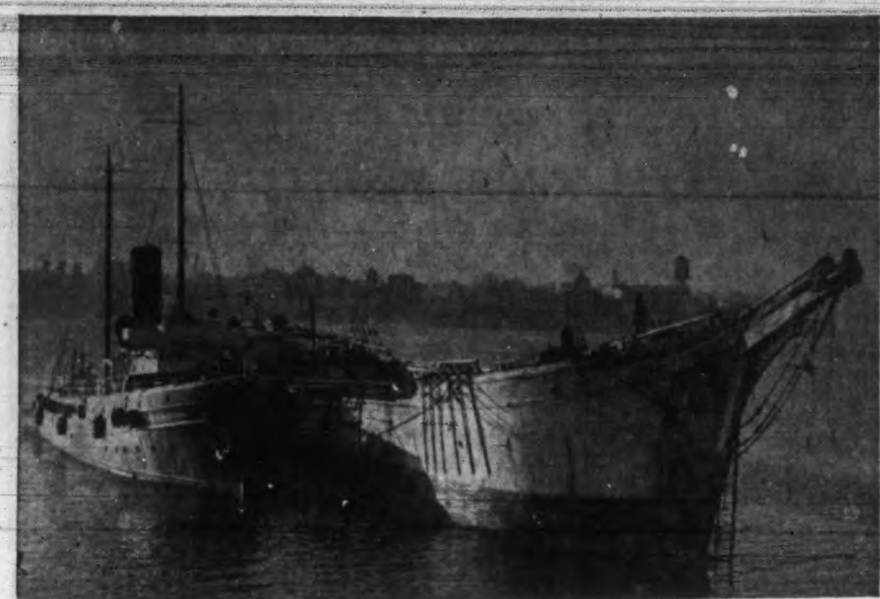
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WATERPROOF CLOTHING—CANVAS



SAILING SCHOONER BECOMES BARGE—Completing her trip here from Astoria, Columbia River, in tow of the tug Snodgrass, the wooden schooner Sir Thomas J. Lipton, sans masts, is here seen approaching the Johnson Street bridge yesterday as she passed into the upper harbor. The vessel, built at Brunswick, Georgia, in 1918, at a cost of \$388,000, has been purchased by the Island Tug and Barge Company of this city. She will be converted into a barge and operated in the hog-tug trade between Chemainus and Port Angeles.

C.N.R. Changes as Creelman Retires

MONTREAL (CP) — Walter Dobbs, special passenger representative here for Canadian National Railways, has been appointed general passenger agent at Winnipeg. He succeeds Osborne Scott, who will replace Robert Creelman, passenger traffic manager, western region, who has retired.

LONG RAILROAD CAREER

Completing a railroad career that dates back to June 1, 1891—practically half a century—Robert Creelman, passenger traffic manager, Canadian National Railways, western region, retires from active service tomorrow. Mr. Creelman is one of the most widely-known passenger men on the continent, better known to his host of friends as "Bob."

Mr. Creelman was born in Grey County, Ontario, in 1875 and first entered railroad service in 1891 with the Grand Trunk. In 1906 he was transferred to St. Paul as traveling passenger agent, in 1909 he returned to Winnipeg as assistant general passenger agent and in 1911 was promoted general passenger agent. He stepped up another rung of the ladder in 1918 when he was promoted assistant passenger traffic manager, and in 1923 he became passenger traffic manager.

During his long railroad career Mr. Creelman has traveled extensively, and is almost as well known in United States transportation circles as in Canada. He has a most intimate knowledge of Western Canada and the Pacific Coast, and is an outstanding authority on travel needs and requirements.

Mr. Creelman will spend the balance of the winter on the Pacific coast.

OSBORNE SCOTT

Osborne Scott, who succeeds Mr. Creelman as passenger traffic manager, was born at St. Andrews, on the Red River and after being educated at St. John's College, entered railway service with the Canadian Northern Railway in Winnipeg as a junior clerk in 1901.

Mr. Scott remained in Winnipeg until 1910, when he was

transferred to Toronto as traveling passenger agent, but he remained in the east only eight months. He went to Winnipeg and remained until 1920, when he was promoted general passenger agent at Vancouver. Three years later he returned to Winnipeg in the same capacity and has remained here since.

Walter Dobbs, who succeeds Osborne Scott as general passenger agent, commenced his railroad career in Montreal in 1904 in the car service department. In 1907 he joined the passenger department, and in 1910 was transferred to Winnipeg, where he remained for 10 years.

From 1920 to 1924 Mr. Dobbs was located in Vancouver, returning to Montreal as office assistant to the general passenger traffic manager. In 1932 he was appointed special passenger representative and has remained in that position until his recent transfer to Winnipeg.

SHIPMASTER'S HAT BOOSTS WAR FUND

OWEN SOUND, Ont. (CP)—When Capt. J. A. Felker of Toronto was awarded the traditional silk hat for bringing the first vessel into the port of Fort William last spring he laid the foundations of a fund which was to give \$2,000 to Canadian war charities.

Capt. Felker declined to accept the offer of the Fort William Board of Trade of a hat he could wear regularly. He took the old silk hat which had been on hand for formal presentation each spring to the first skipper in port.

Then as he took his vessel, the Capt. C. D. Secord, up and down the Great Lakes during the next eight months, he literally passed the hat on every available occasion. Quarters and dollars were dropped.

In the meantime R. A. Campbell, president of the Mohawk Navigation Company, owner of the Secord, said he would contribute \$4 for every one that went into the silk top.

When Capt. Felker brought his ship into Owen Sound harbor a few days ago to tie her up for the winter the hat had become a depository for \$399.

Chief Engineer John Gillis added another \$1 to round out the figure and then Mr. Campbell was reminded of his undertaking. With his \$1,600 added to the \$400, war charities benefit by \$2,000.

Around the Docks

Joan, Arriving Late, Held for Passengers

Running an hour behind schedule, owing to delay on the mainland, Ss. Princess Joan, with overnight passengers from Vancouver, berthed alongside the C.P.R. Belleville Street docks at 8 this morning.

The steamer was held in Vancouver until 1.40 this morning for passengers arriving on the coast by delayed train from the east, it was stated at the B.C. Coast offices. The fog which shrouded the port of Vancouver for several days past, has not interfered with steamer schedules, although the air services have been temporarily disrupted at the mainland city.

Farmers Urged to Ship Grain East

EDMONTON (CP) — W. M. Neal of Winnipeg, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway's western lines, in an interview here today said Alberta farmers who hold an estimated 25,000,000 bushels of tough and damp wheat should not delay in shipping to the head of the lakes where the grain can be treated.

Mr. Neal said about 15,000,000 bushels of space now was available at Fort William and Port Arthur.

Say Several Raiders In South Pacific

HONOLULU (AP)—A belief that "three or four" German surface raiders are operating in the South Pacific was expressed today by a member of the crew of the City of Rayville, United States steamship sunk off Australia, apparently by a mine.

Twenty-one survivors led by Capt. Arthur Cronin, arrived on the Aorangi en route from Australia to New York. Capt. Cronin declined to discuss the sinking.

The one crew member who would express an opinion said: "One German raider could not do the damage the British credit the raider with. I believe there are three or four."

(The only reports of a raider operating in that part of the world have come following sinkings near Australia, where it is thought mines were laid by the Nazi craft. No sinkings by raiders have been reported, but the City of Rayville, the Canadian liner Niagara and an unidentified British ship have been mined in Australian and New Zealand waters.)

Resume War Risks In Mediterranean

NEW YORK (AP)—British and Greek victories in the Mediterranean area brought resumption today of war risk insurance rates on limited types of cargoes going to or coming from a number of southern European and north African destinations.

Marine underwriters announced that on shipments not in excess of \$500,000 a vessel they were prepared to cover under open policies the risks of capture except by the British authorities or their allies. Shipments on which such coverage now will be written include those to or from Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Syria, Palestine and Black Sea ports excluding Russian ports where shipments are via Suez.

The "possibility of improved shipping conditions in the Mediterranean due to the recent Italian reverses on both land and sea" was given as the reason for resumption of policies.

Wheat

WINNIPEG (CP) — Trading continued light in wheat futures today on the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

Scattered buying during the morning was credited to United States and Canadian mills, and the volume changing hands was sufficient to meet light hedging sales. There were also sales to local traders. Generally, however, the offerings continued light.

Most of the buying was reported early in the session, and after orders had been filled, the market turned extremely dull. No export business was reported.

Reports of flour sales to China influenced the wheat trade at Chicago where values were fractionally higher most of the day. Trading at Buenos Aires appeared to be light with prices unchanged.

By H. A. Number Ltd				
Wheat—P. Cio.	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	73-4	73-3	73-8	73-1
Jan.	73-3	73-4	73-8	73-7
May	73-3	73-3	73-4	73-7
July	73	73-1	73-1	73-4
Rye				
Dec.	42-6	42-6	42-3	42-7
Jan.	43-3	43-3	42-3	43-1
May	41-7	42	42-1	42
July	42-6	42-6	42-3	42-7
Flax				
Dec.	32-1	32-4	32-6	32-4
Jan.	31-7	31-7	32-4	31-7
July	30-4	30-7	31-3	30-4
Rye				
Dec.	44-6	45	45-3	45
Jan.	45-2	45-2	45-3	45-2
May	45-2	45-2	45-3	45-4
July	45-2	45-2	45-3	45-5
Flax				
Dec.	129-6	129-6	130-1	129-6
Jan.	129-3	133-4	134-7	134-1
May	129-3	133-4	134-7	134-1
July	129-3	133-4	134-7	134-1

OUR BOARDING HOUSE, with Major Hoople



AND THE FUN COMES WITH IT

OUT OUR WAY

By Williams



EMPTY CHAIRS AT CHRISTMAS TABLE

By Martin



Wash Tubbs

By Roy Crane



Mr. and Mrs.

By Arthur Foltwell and Ellison Hoover



Alley Oop

By V. T. Hamlin



Freckles and His Friends

By Merrill Blosser



Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



Uncle Ray

Sea Elephant Bulls Fight on Island

Around the northern end of the earth there are polar bears, Arctic foxes and Arctic hares, but the southern end of the earth does not have such animals.

If we want to find animals of the type called "mammals" in the Antarctic, we can look in the ocean. There we may see whales and sea elephants. The sea elephants spend most of their lives in the water but come to land in the breeding season.

A. J. Villiers, an Australian, made these notes about a visit to Macquarie Island during the season sea elephants spend on land: "Many sea elephants lay in the odd patches of sunshine on the



Sea elephants in Antarctica

lee side of the island. On the other side, the number was even greater.

"The great beefy forms were lying on the beach and on the lower sides of the hills. Here and there two great bulls, each about 20 feet long, were engaged in combat.

"The sea elephant bulls reared up on their tails, belloved into the air, and lunged clumsily at each other. Often they would miss altogether, and would topple over and roll about, making a funny sight. Yet they went back to the fight again as quickly as they could."

In the South Pacific, near the shore of the Antarctic continent, is a body of water known as the Ross Sea. It was named in honor of Sir James Clark Ross, a British explorer who made a voyage to the region in 1839.

In the Ross Sea are blue whales, the largest of all animals, living or dead. They weigh more than any of the olden dinosaurs which roamed the earth vast ages ago. Men did not begin to hunt blue whales in the Ross Sea until early in the present century. Norwegians under command of Captain Iversen seem to have been first to capture one of them.

An explosive steel harpoon was shot from a gun aboard Captain Iversen's vessel at the whale. The big animal went far down in the water, struggling for freedom. After a time he was forced to rise for air, and then another harpoon was sent into his body.

Within a minute or two after the explosion of the second harpoon, the whale died. A huge chain was passed around him, and he was towed alongside the vessel.

HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
Good and ill combine in the planetary influences for today. The early hours are less fortunate than those after midday.

This is an auspicious date for letter-writing and should bring responses that are heart-warming and purse-filling. Under this sway elderly persons may be depressed. Kindly attention will be appreciated gratefully.

This is a promising day for all retail merchants. The Christmas spirit will encourage generous spending, especially for practical gifts. It is a lucky date for signing contracts for next year.

The Pacific coast will provide a sensation recognition that the small waterways and scattered islands represent strategic positions will cause grave clashes.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the augury of a year of certain difficulties or perplexities. The young should be on guard against unwise love affairs.

Children born on this day probably will be dignified and well balanced. They will have keen brains and good executive ability. Morning births may be less fortunate than those of later hours.

Meningitis Death

TORONTO (CP)—Betty Theresa Boyd, 20, Welland, Ont., first year student of the University of Toronto, died of spinal meningitis.

Dr. Gordon P. Jackson, Toronto medical health officer, said that one other case of spinal meningitis had been reported to his office in the last few days. Part of Whitney Hall, women's residence at the university, has been placed under a 10-day quarantine.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: One year. Each night a star rises about four minutes earlier, and in one year will again rise at the same time it does tonight.

Dorothy Dix's Letter Box

DEAR MISS DIX—I am a young man 22 years old and I am already tired of life, as I have no luck whatever in love affairs. I am greatly in love with a young woman who has a very bad reputation and feel that I cannot live without her, but she will not pay any attention to my demonstrations of affection. I thought that when she knew my great love she would respond to it, but she will not listen to me. Do you think I should forget her and tear up her picture so as not to see her face even on a photograph?

TROUBLED YOUTH.

Answer: Inasmuch as the young woman refuses to have anything to do with you, the only course left open to you is to turn your affections in some other direction. Don't waste your youth in sighing after the unattainable. She. And the surest cure for a broken heart is a new love.

You may not realize it now, but you will know later on that when a girl with a bad reputation refuses to marry you she is doing you the greatest favor she possibly can bestow upon you, and you will be grateful to her the balance of your life.

DEAR MISS DIX—How can I break my husband from staying up virtually all night listening to the radio? I work all day at a hard job and at night I am worn out and want to sleep, but he keeps me awake with the radio. Also, when we go to places together he just gobbles up all the refreshments and stays on and on and talks and talks until everybody looks so tired they are ready to drop. What can I do to break him of these faults?

EMBARRASSED WIFE.

Answer: All that you can do about the radio is to stuff cotton in your ears. There is no reforming radio hounds. They have no compassion for the sufferings of others. They just go their devastating way, wearing out our eardrums and making us wonder if one of the greatest inventions in the world isn't its greatest curse.

Nor can I hold out any hope that you can ever make your husband realize that if he doesn't go lighter on the sandwiches and the highballs and cut his visits shorter he will lose all his friends. If something within us doesn't tell us that we are boring people, the voices of our wives and husbands never do.

DOROTHY DIX.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL**
- Beloved
 - across
 - picture here
 - Juniper
 - To thread
 - Expert
 - aviators
 - Smelling
 - badly
 - Species of
 - clams
 - Street car
 - Bull fighter
 - Ecstasy
 - Children
 - To turn aside
 - Tense
 - Fury
 - Fabled fish
 - Female deer
 - To rub out
 - To fly
 - Persia
 - Back of neck
 - Cavity
 - Impolite
 - Ratite birds
- VERTICAL**
- Evils
 - Entrance
 - To date again
 - Fungus
 - disease
 - Darlings
 - Corded fabric
 - At any time
 - Antitoxins
 - Opposed to
 - former
 - Pale brown
 - Back
 - She was a
 - or actress
 - of humorous
 - roles
 - Smelting
 - plants
 - Kind of
 - window
 - To do wrong
 - Beverage
 - Bustle
 - Kind of grass
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Tallulah Talks War, Politics



Tallulah Bankhead... Would die for Churchill.

Tallulah Bankhead, dynamic, exotic star of the stage, yesterday relaxed at "Journey's End," where she is the guest of Mrs. M. Wingfield and Mrs. Dola Cavendish and told newspaper reporters she had sworn off alcoholic drinks until Britain won the war.

"During Dunkerque..." she said dramatically, wringing her hands... "I was nearly crazy... I had to do something... like promising God something if he would do something for me when I was a little girl... so I promised I wouldn't take a drink until the war was over and Britain won. Since then, I feel things have not been going too badly... I feel Britain is sure to win... especially now that Italy is out... or practically out."

But each day Miss Bankhead takes a glass of Coca-Cola, but admits she is looking forward to the war's end and a good, stiff drink... perhaps two or three.

KNITS FOR SOLDIERS

Meantime she is devoting all her energies to helping Britain win the war. She is active in New York on many committees to aid Britain. She has learned to knit—Mrs. Cavendish taught her and this week, as she relaxes in a lovely home, overlooking the Straits and the mountains, she is turning out socks for British soldiers.

"This is not a pose—I really can knit," she said as newspaper photographers took her picture. "And, yes, I can turn a heel quite well."

The tawny-haired actress was yesterday wearing brown slacks, with a lighter brown belt and a biscuit-colored silk blouse, with a diamond clasp. She's the friendliest soul, a great talker and knows what she's talking about, theatrically, politically.

"I was brought up on politics," she says, for her father, who died last September, was long prominent in United States public life.

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and was Speaker of the U.S. House when he died. She speaks with a deep voice and a lovely, slow accent, almost a drawl, for she was born in Alabama. Easy to meet, she talks about a variety of subjects, but especially of the war. She can't quite express adequately, she says, her admiration for the English people.

ADORES CHURCHILL

"And, as for Churchill, I adore him... I would willingly die for him... it would be a pleasure... I think he's wonderful, he's my hero above all. I'm still a little girl in that respect... I must hero-worship somebody... and I've chosen Churchill."

She's a most natural person and into her conversation crept the words "guts" and "bloody." Somebody was a bloody Communist, she said. Frequently she says "My God." She smokes cigarettes, one after another, and walks nervously about the room and changes postures on the chesterfield, in real-theatrical fashion, but naturally for all that.

What is she going to do during her visit to Victoria?

"I'm not going to do much," she said. "I must have my hair done and I'm going to poke through Hatley Park and there will be a party for me some afternoon. I'm going to play some bridge and knit socks and I'd like to get some toys for the orphans. But don't put that in the paper—I'm really not a Lady Bountiful. And I'm going to bed early—not that that does much good, for I read all night."

Miss Bankhead and Mrs. Cavendish met in London some years ago and have been close friends ever since. For the last few months Mrs. Cavendish has been travelling with the actress, who will leave for San Francisco to continue with the stage hit, "The Little Foxes," next week-end.

One of her greatest honors, which thrilled her more than anything else, she says, was when the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry made her an honorary corporal.

"It was wonderful, and Dola was there, so I'm not fooling," she said.

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